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## GI... Strength Seen In Opposition To King's Favorite

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LONDON, June 1, 1626 —  
(BP) — Opposition to King  
Charles I and the growing  
strength of Protestantism in  
this country was evidenced in  
the recent election of the Duke  
of Buckingham as chancellor of  
Cambridge.

The handsome and witty duke  
was the candidate of the king,  
but he won the election at Cam-  
bridge by a surprisingly narrow  
margin of one hundred and  
eight votes to one hundred  
and two.

Buckingham's opponent, who  
had the hearty support of the  
clergy and many college and  
governmental leaders, was the  
Earl of Berkshire. He is the son  
of the Earl of Suffolk, former  
chancellor of Cambridge who  
died last month.

Following the death of King  
James, Protestants in England  
had hoped that his successor,  
King Charles I, would be a de-  
fender of religious freedom.  
Their expectations were soon  
quenched as Charles showed his  
catholic sympathies. And in the  
Duke of Buckingham dissenters

saw their real enemy because of  
his influence over the king.

A favorite with King James,  
Buckingham soon proved to be  
even more strongly entrenched  
with Charles I. Resentment of  
the tyrant mounted in the  
House of Commons until there  
was an open breach with the  
king. In February impeachment  
proceedings were begun against  
Buckingham with epoch-mak-  
ing speeches by Sir Edward  
Coke, the brilliant lawyer, his  
son Clem, and John Eliot. Four  
months later the impeachment

petition was made formal and  
presented to King Charles.

The monarch was furious. He  
was determined to slap the hand  
of Parliament for its audacity  
and at the same time to prove  
that the learned men of the  
realm supported him by making  
Buckingham chancellor of Cam-  
bridge.

At Protestant-tinged Cam-  
bridge feeling has been intense,  
especially among the students.  
At Pembroke, one of the Cam-  
bridge schools, President Beale  
urged immediate compliance  
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## "Missions Can Change World" Special Subject

"Missions Can Change the  
World" will be the theme of  
the program suggested for an-  
nual Home and Foreign Mission  
Day observance by the Sunday  
schools of the state Sunday,  
March 27.

A feature of the observance  
will be the taking of a special  
offering for home and foreign  
missions.

Suggested programs and ma-  
terials have been sent to every  
superintendent from the Sun-  
day School Board, Nashville.

All offerings should be sent  
to Dr. Chester L. Quarles,  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

All offerings will be divided  
32 percent for home missions  
and 68 percent for foreign mis-  
sions.

It is suggested that part-time  
churches that do not meet on  
March 27 set aside another Sun-  
day for the observance.

This program and offering is  
one of four Convention approv-  
ed special offerings each year  
through the Sunday School.

## 1955 Receipts Exceed 1954

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—

Receipts through Southern Bap-  
tist Convention Cooperative  
Program and designated offer-  
ings continued to stay ahead of  
a like period a year ago, a Feb-  
ruary report from Porter Routh,  
executive secretary of the Exe-  
cutive Committee, shows.

According to the monthly  
statement, income from the two  
sources for the first two months  
of 1955 was \$5,235,242, compar-  
ed with \$4,946,690 for the same  
months last year.

The increase was \$288,551, or  
5.83 per cent over the previous  
year.

Mississippi Baptists contri-  
buted \$108,003 through designat-  
ed offerings and \$44,486  
through the Cooperative Pro-  
gram, not counting the funds  
retained for state and local pur-  
poses. The total of \$152,490 was  
fifth high among states in Con-  
vention territory.

Total receipts from the two  
sources from all states were

\$3,183,418.

The February Convention-  
wide total included \$908,449  
through the Cooperative and  
\$2,274,969 through designated of-  
ferings. The large amount of  
designated offerings resulted  
from gifts through the Lottie  
Moon mission program.

The increase for the two  
months in the Cooperative Pro-  
gram funds was 7.75 per cent,  
while the increase for designat-  
ed offerings was 4.76 per cent.

Moneywise, the Cooperative  
Program income for the two  
months was \$137,789 greater  
and revenue from designated  
offerings was \$150,762 larger  
than for January and Febru-  
ary, 1954.

The Foreign Mission Board  
of the Convention continued to  
receive the largest amount in  
monthly disbursements for Feb-  
ruary. It received \$2,604,713.  
Next largest disbursement for  
the month was to Home Mission  
Board, \$126,937.

## Feb. Coop Gifts Show Big Gain

By Dr. Chester L. Quarles

Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Coopera-  
tive Program receipts for Feb-  
ruary were \$315,426.77, a sharp  
increase over the \$103,529.66  
give the same month a year  
ago.

This increase was the first  
one registered so far this con-  
vention year over the same  
month a year ago and was sub-  
stantial enough to overcome  
the decreased amounts given  
during November, December  
and January.

Contributions thus far this  
Convention year totaled \$428,-  
616.79, a gain of \$7,274.03 over  
the same period a year ago.

We feel we have now over-  
come the natural "let-down"  
experienced during the first  
quarter of this Convention year  
which was occasioned by the  
tremendous amounts given in  
September and October.

Churches are urged to con-  
tinue their increased Coopera-  
tive Program giving so that  
each month hence will show an  
increase.

## Orphanage Plans New Dormitory

Plans to erect a cottage-type  
dormitory and remodel present-  
facilities for the senior girls at  
the Baptist Orphanage were  
made at the March meeting of  
the trustees held last week.

W. G. Mize, superintendent,  
announces that plans and speci-  
fications for the building and  
the remodeling project will be  
made by Spain and Biggers.  
Work will begin as soon as  
plans and specifications are  
ready, and bids approved by the  
trustees.

Supt. Mize was re-elected as  
Baptist Orphanage head, which  
begins his 20th year with the  
"Children's Village." The fol-  
lowing other officers were also  
elected:

W. Harold Cox, president;  
Willie H. Smith, vice-president  
and J. W. Jordan, Jr., secretary.

Other trustees who attended  
include Forrest Cooper, Indian-  
ola, Dr. C. M. Wells, Canton,  
Curtis Smith, Drew, Lester  
Brown, Kosciusko, Dr. Russell  
Bush, Jr., Columbia, R. H.  
Abbey, Webb, Rev. Clyde Gor-  
don, Poplarville, Rev. George

Nichols, Wesson, and V. C. Dick-  
ey, McComb.

The March session was held  
at 10 a. m. last Tuesday.

## O'Neal Named REA President



Shown above are the new officers for 1955, elected at the  
closing session of the State Religious Education Association in  
its annual meeting last week at Edgewater Park, Miss. Left to  
right: Joe Abrams, Jackson, publicity director; Dr. Norman O'-  
Neal, Clinton, president, reelected; Bryant Cummings, Brook-  
haven, vice-president, re-elected and Miss Ethel McKeithen,  
Jackson, secretary. Not shown is Dr. W. C. Fields, Yazoo City,  
pastor-advisor.

## Record Number Attend Coast REA Meeting

A record number-54-regis-  
tered for the ninth annual State  
Religious Education Association

which was held last week at  
Edgewater Park, Miss.

Dr. Norman O'Neal of Clin-  
ton was reelected as president  
and Bryant Cummings of  
Brookhaven was reelected vice-  
president.

Miss Ethel McKeithen, Jack-  
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## Bogue Chitto Church To Dedicate Historical Marker On March 20

Dedication exercises for a  
historical marker will be held  
Sunday, March 20, at Bogue  
Chitto Church, Pike County.  
The exercises will begin at 2:00  
p. m.

Addresses will be made by  
Rev. J. L. Boyd, executive sec-  
retary of the Mississippi Bap-  
tist Historical Society, and Dr.  
Leon A. Wilber, a member of  
the Mississippi Historical Com-  
mission.

Others taking part in the pro-  
gram are: Dr. Cecil Randall,  
Rev. W. W. Tipton, Rev. Charles  
T. Heltman, pastor of the Bogue  
Chitto Church, and J. Alton  
Davis, Chairman of the Marker  
Committee.

Presiding at the exercises will  
be Rev. W. T. Douglass, mode-  
rator of the Pike County Asso-  
ciation.

The Bogue Chitto Church was  
organized in 1812 with 10 mem-  
bers, five male and five female.

Several churches have been  
organized with Bogue Chitto  
members as a nucleus. Among  
them are: Friendship Church,  
organized in 1817; Shady Grove

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**Bogue Chitto . . .**

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in 1854; Holmesville in 1856; Enon in 1884; and Calvary in 1946.

It was also the meeting place for the organization of the first Baptist State Convention. This took place on the third Sunday in February, 1824.

It was fitting that the organizational meeting should be held with the Bogue Chitto Church as it was known as a "Mother Church," and in early years was among the most influential in the state. At the time of the organization of the State Convention, Rev. Shadrach Coker was the pastor. There were only three associations in Mississippi: the Mississippi, Pearl River, and Union, with 73 churches and 2,301 members.

The Convention soon ran into difficulties. The anti-mission spirit came out into the open. Therefore the leaders thought it wise to do away with the Convention. This was done at the 1825 meeting held in Jerusalem Church, not far from Gillsburg.

During the next six years the mission spirit grew by leaps and bounds. Many new churches and associations were organized.

In 1836 the Mississippi Baptist Convention was re-organized. At this time there were 10 associations, 122 churches, and 4,287 members.

Today the Mississippi Baptist Convention has 75 associations; approximately 1700 churches, and 341,000 members.

Bogue Chitto Church is one of the many Mississippi churches that have entrusted their minutes to the custody of the Mississippi Baptist Historical society for safekeeping in the library of Mississippi College.

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**Growing Protestant . .**

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with the wishes of the king. But his stand did not win the wholehearted support of the student body.

Roger Williams, a ministerial student of Puritan views, reportedly has been a leader of the opposition to Buckingham among the students. Williams is a protege of Sir Edward Coke, who led the Buckingham opposition in Parliament.

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First Church, Columbia, will cooperate in the Evangelistic Crusade by having a revival March 20-27. The pastor, Rev. J.R. Davis, who recently went from the pastorate of New Albany to Columbia, will do the preaching. C. R. Haire, Minister of Music and Education of the Columbia Church, will direct the singing.

**Baptist Hospital Nursing School Admitted To NLN**

JACKSON, Miss. (Special)—

Mississippi Baptist Hospital's Gilfoy School of Nursing is the first member agency in the National League of Nursing, Inc. in Mississippi, according to an announcement by Miss Barbara Odom, director of nurses at the institution.

The purpose of the league is to foster the development and improvement of nursing education, Miss Odom said.

"We are happy to have been granted agency membership in the national league," Miss Odom said, "and plan to make full use of the service and assistance available to us through this association in building the finest nursing education program possible at Mississippi Baptist Hospital."

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**Immanuel To Erect New Church Plant**

Immanuel Church, Cleveland, after a little more than six months' existence, broke ground on February 27 for a new and modern church plant. Rev. W. H. Clark is the pastor.

The site, consisting of a whole block, is at the southwest corner of the Delta State College campus.

The plans, directed by the Sunday School Board's Department of Architecture, provide for three units. The first unit will be started immediately. The whole plant will be completely air-conditioned.

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**N. O. Professor To Preach In Revival At Bethel**

Sunday, March 13, the Spring Revival will begin at Bethel. Services will continue through Friday evening, March 18.

Dr. J. Wash Watts, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Hebrew, and Dean of Student Affairs of New Orleans Seminary, will be the guest evangelist for these services.

Rev. Benton E. Evans is the pastor.

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son, was elected secretary, succeeding Miss Gladys Clement, Jackson, while Dr. W. C. Fields, Yazoo City, was elected pastor-advisor succeeding Dr. Walter L. Moore, Meridian.

A new officer was added, that of publicity director, and Joe Abrams of Jackson was elected.

Various phases of religious education were discussed. Workers from every section of the state attended.

**265 Women Attend Louisville Stewardship Meeting**

Pictured above is a part of the group of 265 ladies of the First Church, Louisville, in attendance at a Ladies' Stewardship Dinner Meeting, which was held on Thursday evening, March 3, on the spacious ground floor of the beautiful new church building.

Mrs. J. L. McGee, General Chairman for the meeting, presided, and the pastor, the Rev. James H. Fairchild, presented

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, who were guest speakers for the occasion. Mr. Cooper, Executive Vice-President of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation, is presently serving as President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. His message concerned the program of Mississippi Baptists. Mrs. Cooper brought a most inspiring message on Stewardship of Possessions, after which those

present were given an opportunity to sign tithing pledge cards. Special Music for the occasion was afforded by Mrs. James H. Fairchild and a Girls' Ensemble, accompanied by Mrs. J. R. McLelland.

The ladies' meeting, sponsored by the deacons, follows a very successful similar meeting which was held a few weeks ago for the men of the church. E. L. Sessums is Chairman of the deacons.

**Biloxi Meet To Complete Hospital Rallies**

All District Rallies in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital State-Wide Campaign for \$500,000 have been completed except District 9, which is scheduled for First Church, Biloxi, Tuesday, March 22.

A group of well known Baptist have carried "the Hospital story" to the pastors and key laymen attending these meetings. Included in the visiting parties were: Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, and Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, State Co-Chairmen; E. O. Spencer, Hospital Trustee; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Wilson Turner, Hospital Administrator; Rev. James Parker, Hospital Chaplain; Chandler Clover and Middleton Mustian of the Hospital Staff; and H. W. Reifsnnyder and John C. Koch of the Campaign Staff.

Most of the pastors in the Northern area of the State observed "Hospital Sunday" on March 6 or will do so at a future date. Pastors in the Southern area of the State have been asked to observe "Hospital Sunday" on March 27 after the program of simultaneous revivals have been completed.

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**Monte McMahan To Teach At S'western Seminary**

On Sunday evening, March 6, Monte McMahan presented her resignation as Educational Director of First Church, Greenwood, to become effective August 15 of this year according to an announcement by Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of the Greenwood Church. Miss McMahan is to become an assistant professor in the School of Religious Education at the Southwestern Seminary beginning September 1.

Miss McMahan came to First Church, Greenwood as Educational Director in June 1952.

**Locust Street Dedicates Bldg.**

Locust Street Church, McComb, having paid their church debt in full one year ahead of time, held special dedication services February 20, 1955.

After the regular morning worship service, dinner was served at the church. At 2:00 o'clock members and friends gathered to dedicate the church plant unto the Lord. Those having parts on the program were:

Rev. Earl Barron, who was licensed to preach by the church; E. Lamar Smith; Rev. T. D. Sumrall, pastor, East McComb Church; Rev. Edward Eckman, first pastor of the church; and Rev. Lee Thornton.

The church was first organized as a Mission of the East McComb Church June 7, 1950, and became a church September 21, 1950, with 46 charter members. The present membership is 176, Sunday School enrollment 179, Training Union 100. The church has all the W. M. U. organizations.

The present church plants consists of: church building with auditorium, eleven class rooms, pastor's study — this building valued at \$17,000; and the parsonage valued at \$10,000. The church will soon be making plans for construction of the main auditorium.

Rev. Mercus Smith is the pastor.

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Bethel Church in Lafayette County has gone from one-fourth to one-half time. Rev. E. E. Floyd, Mississippi College student, is the pastor.

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Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will go on a summer preaching mission in the Orient at the request of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Williams, accompanied by his wife, will attend the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London, July 16-22. They will then go from London to certain Southern Baptist mission points in India, Burma, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan where Dr. Williams will preach.

**REV. CHARLES R. LEE**

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call to his heavenly home, Rev. Charlie R. Lee, our beloved pastor, Mt. Pleasant Church, Newton Co. and Clerk of Newton Co Association.

We the members of the Church wish to express our deepest sense of loss, and appreciation of one who served so faithfully. Bro. Lee has endeared himself to all who were associated with him, he having always a word of encouragement and a smile. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their loss. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Mrs. M. W. Moore  
Mrs. Jimmie Haynes  
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Committee

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## The Gallego Tragedy

Much publicity has been given to the first gas chamber execution in Mississippi.

A two-time murderer, Gerald Gallego, 26 years old, killer of an Ocean Springs policeman and a Jackson jailer, was the first person to be put to death by gas. The former method was electrocution.

Added interest was caused by his conversion. We believe last minute conversion possible, but have never been over-enthusiastic about some.

In this case, however, according to eye witnesses, there was a change. And that is exactly what conversion is — a change.

Here are some of the changes as noted by newspaper reporters and other witnesses:

1. During his last days he led prayer meetings for fellow prisoners.

2. He made the Bible a part of his daily living, reading it constantly.

3. He asked forgiveness for the crimes he had committed.

4. He prayed for those who were charged with the disagreeable duty of executing him.

5. He entered the death chamber with head erect, a gleam in his eye, a smile on his face, and a prayer on his lips.

6. Parts of his last days were spent in "singing hymns instead of barking curses."

7. He tried to win the other doomed killers to the same Saviour that he had recently come to know.

8. Officers and newspaper reporters, used to criminals of all classes from the headline hunter to the hardened criminal, took note of and spoke of the change.

His own partner in the killing of Jailer Landrum said, "I knew the other Gallego in jail in Jackson. I would never have believed such a change possible. The Gallego I knew in Jackson went from Hell to Heaven. It was the most wonderful thing I ever saw."

One newspaper reporter said, "The young slayer presented a totally changed appearance from the tough, bewhiskered, and hardened escapee and two-time murderer."

Another reporter wrote, "Gallego convinced this reporter of his salvation, with shining blue eyes and words spoken with the softness possible only through a CHANGED life."

Sheriff Leo Byrd, of Jackson County, also testified to his belief in Gallego's faith in Christ.

Although the time between conversion and death was short, he "brought forth meet for repentance." There was a change — the same kind of change that must take place in the heart of every Christian, whether he be a doomed killer or cloistered child.

### SOME LESSONS

Although he lived a life of crime, was converted, and yet paid the penalty there are some lessons to be learned. Among them are:

1. "The wages of sin is death."

In this case a young man just 26 years of age is dead. He is dead because he sinned. No sin goes un-

punished. Some sinners think so but sooner or later they pay the penalty. Not every sin brings death but payment is always made.

2. It is reported that until a few weeks ago, he had never read the Bible.

We know nothing of his home and community environment. We wonder if his home had a Bible. Was it read? Was he encouraged to read it? Surely as a child he could have been introduced to the Book of Books.

This should be a warning to every mother, every father, every Christian.

Get the Bible in the hearts of the children and many of our juvenile delinquency problems will cease to be.

As Gallego said, "All homes should have the word of God and parents should teach their children life through God."

3. The innocent suffer for the guilty. In this case Gallego suffered little if any. In a few seconds his life was snuffed out.

But what of the innocent? What about the family of the slain policeman? What about the wife of Jailer Landrum? What about the nights when she sobs herself to sleep, lonely and bereaved? What about her financial struggle without the support of a husband?

What about the mother of Gallego? Yonder in California she is the object of shame as well as pity. As she goes about her daily duties the finger of gossip will often point her out as the mother of a murderer who paid with his life. What about the other members of his family? Truly the innocent do suffer for the guilty.

4. Somebody failed during his childhood. There was a time when he was young and impressionable. Did a Sunday School teacher try to enlist him? Did the church have a visitation program? Did the pastor visit that home? Somebody failed. At least, no mention has been made of anybody who tried.

Had somebody won him, three lives (his and his two victims) would have been saved, three families would have been spared heavy hearts and countless cries; crime costs would have been less and three men would today be economical assets instead of sad memories.

5. Gallego became a "Man of Distinction." Newspaper reports state that the murder in Ocean Springs came after he was arrested for drunkenness. We suggest this case to the liquor crowd as proof that liquor does make "Men of Distinction."

In this case, liquor in one man led to death for three men, three bereaved families, several sorrowing relatives, and many shamed kinpeople.

It not only made a "Man of Distinction", but made three men of extinction.

6. Another lesson that we can learn is the fact that a life was wasted. Here was a man with a brilliant (even though warped) brain. No sub-normal mind could have conceived some of the things that Gallego conceived. He had brains enough to break out of



Gather the family together around the Baptist Record.

Hinds County's "escape proof" jail. He had ingenuity enough to escape for five days the hundreds of possemen who sought him.

The tragedy is that his warped brain led him into things that destroy instead of build; things that kill instead of create.

Here was a young man in the prime of life. What things he might have done! What assets he might have accumulated, what ideals he might have created, what an example he could have been!

7. Ill-gotten gains don't last. Not only was this true of Gallego, but true of every one and everywhere. Space prevents details. But think for yourself of those who have used unfair and dishonest means to hurt others and help themselves. They rode high for awhile but sooner or later there was a fall.

8. It's better late than never. It was late, very late in terms of time left before Gallego read a Bible, considered God, uttered a prayer, and turned toward Christ as a Saviour. But while there's life, there's hope.

And though he waited far, far, too long, it is still true that it is better to become a Christian late than not at all.

9. Again, his lateness precludes any hope of much reward. All sinners are saved the same way—by faith in Christ. But from then on each one works out his own reward. Note that rewards and salvation are not the same. The Scriptures teach that everyone shall be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body.

In his few days as a professed Christian, locked behind prison walls, there were few opportunities to earn much reward for deeds done in the body.

But the smallest crown in heaven worn by the smallest Christian, occupying the seat farthest from the throne is far better than a front seat in Hell.

And even though his death was tragic, it was also triumphant. Said he, "I am not afraid to die." Many who have occupied mansions and controlled millions in money have come to the hour of death free from crime and prison bars but bound by a terrifying fear of death. One queen, near death's door, is said to have exclaimed, "My King-

dom for another hour!"

And said Gallego, "I hope my faith will be a warning to sinners not to follow a way of crime. I know that had I known the Lord sooner, I would not be here today."

Let's reach them while young.

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## He Needs Education Period

Recently there was published an article telling of the gift of \$20,000,000, by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Rockefeller said, "The purpose of the gift is to strengthen and develop Protestant theological education in this country."

We have received a letter from a young preacher in Iowa asking for information. He states, "I want to go to a seminary. Can I get help from this fund?"

We threw the letter in the wastebasket.

We felt that the writer of the letter needed some EDUCATION. But before he goes to a seminary he needs to learn that in making a request for his own benefit, he should at least enclose postage for the reply. He didn't, hence the wastebasket.

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## Easter Tracts Depict The Risen Christ

In Japan it is reported that 23.5% of those who professed faith in Christ attributed their decision to reading. Proclaiming the Gospel by the printed page is bringing souls to Christ, not only in foreign lands, but also in the United States.

Tracts are mighty evangelists. Someone has summed up the good points as follows: They never flinch; never show cowardice; are never tempted to compromise; are never tired; never grow disheartened; travel cheaply, require no hired hall; never get out of patience; work long after we are dead; get into homes and stay there; always stick to what they say; never answer back.

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"There was never an enterprise which seemed more completely at an end than did that of Jesus on the last Old Testament Sabbath," writes the author of **HE LIVES**. "When He was buried, there was not a single human being that believed He would ever rise again." The fact that Jesus Christ did rise is attested to by history. It is a happy thing that the resurrection is capable of such a proof; for if Christ be not risen, our faith is vain, but if He be risen, then the whole of His miraculous life becomes credible.

**HOW DEEP IS THE SEA.** by Nathanael Olson, is a fascinating gospel leaflet which combines some statistics, regarding the ocean, with Biblical references showing God's great love for mankind, and His desire to bury our sins in the deepest sea, if we but accept His salvation.

Adapted by Evelyn W. Rath, **THE RIDDLE OF THE CHANGED CALENDAR** is an engaging manuscript on a theme which has rarely, if ever, been dealt with in tract form. "What mighty earthly monarch decreed or commanded, or even suggested, that all civilized peoples should date their calendars backward and forward, B. C. and A. D., from the birth of Jesus Christ?" asks the writer. The answer is summed up in the final paragraph: "There can be but one explanation . . . it is that He who hung upon that Roman cross was, as He claimed . . . God incarnate . . . Himself the Creator of Time."

**YOUR EMOTIONS AND**

## Concerning Resolutions, Obituaries, Memorials

The Baptist Record wants to be of as much service as it can to all of its constituency. As the circulation has grown larger and larger its constituency has also greatly increased. A few years ago it was a difficult problem to provide enough material for each issue. That is no longer true. Now the problem is to use all the material sent. Much of it has to be condensed or else many would be left out.

At a meeting of the Baptist Record Advisory Committee the following regulations concerning obituaries, memorials, resolutions, and memorial poems was adopted.

1. Obituaries of 150 words or less will be published free. More than 150 words will be charged for at five cents per word.

And that does not pay the cost of production. If a person were to send an obituary just one column long, the 150 words would be free and the approximately 284 words at five cents a word would amount to \$14.20. However, the cost of producing that one column is \$25.00 or a loss of \$11.40.

2. Most resolutions sound good but could be written in many less words than are ordinarily used. The committee voted to charge for all resolutions at the rate of five cents per word.

3. After having published obituaries or having offered to publish obituaries free the committee did not feel that it was wise to publish memorials free months and years after people have passed on.

Therefore, memorials will be charged for at the rate of five cents per word. The same rate applies to memorial poems.

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Of particular interest to churches cooperating in the Revival Crusade is a new songbook published by the Broadman Press and edited by W. Hines Sims. The name of the book is **CRUSADE SONGS** and according to the editor, it is "a compilation of standard hymns, gospel songs, and choruses suited to present-day evangelistic crusades, church revivals, and other occasions where gospel music is magnified." The price is 45 cents per copy.

**GOD'S WORD** is a 16-page booklet with attractive cover design, written by Harvey C. Roys, M. D. Paralleling the latest books on medical science and the Bible, it shows how our emotions have a definite effect upon our health, and how, when Jesus Christ comes into the life, there can be victory over fear, anger, resentment and fatigue. In their place can come love, joy and peace.

Samples of the above released can be obtained by request from the AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 6, 1955

Jackson, Calvary	1401	445
Main	1370	418
Mission	31	27
Jackson, Broadmoor	419	168
Jackson, Parkway	961	573
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	637	238
Jackson, Van Winkle	516	254
Jackson, Crestwood	542	390
Pearl (Rankin)	144	86
Richland (Rankin)	255	80
Byram	234	151
Jackson, West	212	136
Flowood	84	80
Briar Hill (Rankin)	74	45
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	176	104
Jackson, North Side	525	204
Edwards	89	54
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	387	155
Clarksdale	401	187
Jackson, Highland	79	53
Hattiesburg, Main Street	1149	693
Jackson, South Side	312	159
Clinton	516	369
Gulfport, New Hope	145	37
Brookhaven, Hamilton Street	232	101
Hattiesburg, First	655	220
Midway (Lauderdale)	185	125
McComb, Locust St.	123	53
Jackson, First	1178	458
McComb, Friendship	242	116
Hattiesburg, Temple	623	155
Petal-Harvey	375	160
Main School	345	
Harvey	18	
Richton Road	12	
Brookhaven, Pearl-haven	208	71
New Sight (Lincoln)	158	87
Yazoo City, First	532	169
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	54	44
Gillsburg	198	97
Meridian, South Side	524	179
Marks, First	201	66
Union, First	339	154
Biloxi, East Howard	198	123
Bluff Springs (Pike)	85	66
Murphy Creek (Winston)	143	97
Calvary (Alcorn)	70	51
Columbia, First	728	242
Main	649	205
South Columbia		
Mission	79	37
Wheeler Grove (Tippah)	94	104
Amity (Chickasaw)	51	62
Newton, First	480	166
Fellowship (Choctaw)	84	54
Meridian, Oakland Heights	353	148
Greenville, Second	457	215
Purvis, First	300	92
Mission	20	
Picayune, First	707	225
Wayside (Yalobusha)	53	51
Jackson, Ridgecrest	252	124
Glenfield (Union County)	78	75
Charleston, First	347	173
Friendship (Jackson)	122	88
New Prospect (Desoto)	96	83
Laurel, Second Avenue	540	154
Ripley, First	210	96
Starkville, First	586	268
Hurricane Creek (Marion)	152	121
Grenada, First	758	185
Aberdeen, First	311	85
Long Beach, First	276	101
West Point, Calvary	248	141
Ellisville, West	159	83

Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	64	72
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	298	78
Calhoun City, First	322	152
Clarksdale, Riverside	240	133
Vicksburg, First	496	213
Ruleville	233	96
Fair River (Lincoln)	113	95
Horn Lake	143	99
Skene	105	50
Gulfport, First	1102	358
Concord (Choctaw)	74	85
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	81	58
Bay Saint Louis, First	226	95
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	202	113
Morton (Scott)	275	150
Mission	13	
Spanish Fort	52	40
Ruth	72	41
Canton, Center Terrace	234	136
Crystal Springs, First	664	204
McComb, East	622	223
Stonewall	225	124
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	239	109
Pascagoula, First	868	306
Main School	716	231
McArthur Chapel	49	27
Orange Grove Chapel	103	48
Laurel, Harmony	202	75
Laurel, Highland	222	93
Laurel, First	662	160
Laurel, Wildwood	231	84
Hernando, First	137	84
Brookhaven, First	907	287
Main	787	220
Southway	90	45
Halbert Heights	30	22
Kosciusko, First	758	255
Main School	731	
Maple Mission	27	
Grenada, Emmanuel	231	78
Hardy (Grenada)	95	57
Seminary, Union, Sr.	112	104
Soso, First	181	109
Greenwood, Calvary	427	210
Longview (Oktibbeha)	86	53
Brookhaven, Central	112	74
Friendship (Lincoln)	168	87
Meridian, 41st Ave.	403	126
Magee	437	90

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Longview (Oktibbeha)	94	88
Aberdeen, First	380	92
County Line (Greene)	59	36
Picayune, First	660	243
Starkville, First	708	286
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	263	70
Laurel, Wildwood	214	98
Seminary, Union St.	113	116
Biloxi, East Howard	216	116

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RALEIGH, N. C. — (CBP) —

A pastor and a layman in Baptist churches in the Carolinas

have been honored with "Men of the Year" awards in the cities where they live.

Thomas S. Haggai, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C., was given the Junior Chamber of Commerce award there as "Young Man of the Year" for his church and civic activities in the community. A deacon and Sunday school teacher in First Baptist Church, Roxboro, N. C., Dolian Long, was named 1954 "Man of the Year" in Roxboro by popular vote of all civic clubs in the community.

## Evergreen Announces Revival Plans



Rev. Julius C. Thompson

Rev. Julius C. Thompson, pastor, Beulah Church, Polkville, will be the visiting evangelist March 10-13 at the revival meeting to be held at Evergreen Church, Wayne County.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College and is now a second-year student at New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Durell Makamson is the pastor at Evergreen.

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If evil were stronger than God, He would never have sent His Son to show us how to overcome it. God in His wisdom knew that evil could be defeated. God in the person of His Son faced the cruel facts of evil and pain and death unflinchingly for us. The crucifixion was the seeming triumph of evil, and God allowed it, but the resurrection was God's secret weapon and with it He triumphed by demonstrating His power to replace evil, suffering, and death with the creative force of love and life. The resurrection tells more about God and His power to overcome evil than any other event in history. — From **THE SECRET OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER** by Helen Smith Shoemaker (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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## Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson  
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Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

### WMU CONVENTION

March 22-24  
First Baptist Church, Jackson

#### Program Plans

**Business Women** — Banquet at 6:15, March 22, opening night. Tickets \$1.25 each and must be purchased from the WMU Office by March 19. Mrs. Tommy Hale, State Chairman, will serve as toastmistress. The first 500 requests for tickets will be honored. An excellent program has been planned.

#### Missionary Personalities

**Miss Juliette Mather**, Secretary of the Publications Department of Woman's Missionary Union will be one of the feature speakers. Miss Mather made an extensive missionary tour last year, visiting mission fields around the world.

**Mrs. Ira I. Marks**, Home Mission Worker in Utah. Mrs. Marks served for many years with her husband as a missionary to the French in Louisiana. Early in 1951 the Marks moved to Salt Lake City where he is a general missionary in the Western Cooperative work serving under the Arizona State Board and the Home Mission Board.

**Mrs. J. L. Moon**, of Equatorial Brazil. She and her husband have served in Manaus, Brazil since 1952. Prior to the mission service Mrs. Moon served

as a reporter on the Birmingham Post and for two years as director of public relations for the Baptist Hospitals of Birmingham.

**Miss Virginia Wingo** of Rome Italy. Miss Wingo has served as the Director of the Armstrong Memorial Training School since 1950. At the time of her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board she was serving as the teacher of Missionary Education at the WMU Training School. Miss Wingo was the young people's secretary for Louisiana WMU for eight years.

#### DELEGATES

Each WMU should elect delegates to the convention. This article from the constitution gives information concerning the number of delegates for each WMU:

"The annual convention of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union shall be composed of the officers of the Union, members of the Executive Board, Associational Superintendents, Young People's leaders, the president of each WMS and three additional representatives from each society and one representative from each YWA and the counselors of GA, RA and Sunbeam Band leaders."

### Dr. Spencer Attends Foundation Meet

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, attended the Annual Conference of Baptist Foundation Executives February 21-23 at Atlanta, Ga. He served this year as chairman of the program committee.

Herschel C. Pettus, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, is the new President of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives. He succeeds Dr. Arthur Jackson, Georgia Foundation Secretary.

Other officers elected were Dr. L. T. Daniel, Secretary of the Endowment Department of the Texas Baptist Foundation, Vice President; and Leslie S. Wright, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Baptist Foundation, Secretary-Treasurer.

The next annual session is to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, to be host.

The Foundation Executives are engaged in a new movement which has to do with the promotion of the raising of endowment funds for the state

and Southern Baptist Agencies and Causes, endowments to be held in perpetuity and the income to go for causes of the Denomination as designated by the Donors. Foundations administer endowment funds, applying the best known methods of administration known to the business world. Not only have millions of dollars already been raised, but there is a growing interest in this field of work.

Southern Baptist Schools now have, either held by the Foundations, or by themselves, more than fifty million dollars of endowment; in addition, more than ten million dollars of endowment are held for other agencies and causes.

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**Norway:** In December, the Norwegian Baptist Women's Union held their second Christmas Sale for the benefit of the mission work in the Belgian Congo. Women's groups in the country were inspired to plan local sales for the same purpose. The income, approximately 900.0.0 matelpounds, is to be used in connection with the building of a school for natives.

### Macedonia (Lincoln) Announces Revival



Rev. Fred Tarpley

Macedonia Church in Lincoln County near Brookhaven will hold revival services March 13-18. There will be three services on Sunday, March 13, and two services during the days of the week following.

Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, will be the evangelist.

Mrs. Alton Smith, local choir leader, will be in charge of the music.

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#### DRUNKARD 11 YEARS

"For eleven years I was a drunkard," said the Navy man. "I brought disgrace and sorrow to those who loved me, especially my Christian parents. I thought of my own selfish pleasures and cared nothing for what others thought of me until I fell in love with a Christian girl.

"She knew I was a hopeless prospect for a husband and began praying for me. God put it into her heart to arrange for me to meet a married couple who were devout Christians and great personal workers. Walking along the shore of Lake Michigan with this man, while his wife and my girl friend walked ahead of us, God spoke to me through this Christian. He showed me that I had been searching in the wrong direction for happiness.

"On the beach, on a beautiful summer evening, God convicted me of my sin through this personal worker. I surrendered my life to Jesus. Immediately I began to love things I had hated and began to hate things I had loved. God did not take away my bad habits but He gave me power to overcome them.

Where I just existed, now I live. — Fisher of Men

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Waltham Association, which met in 41st annual session with the Magee's Creek Church on October 11-12, 1954. The next meeting will be held with the Mesa Church on October 17-18, 1955. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

### Temperance Council Asks Ban On Liquor At Diplomatic Functions

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—National religious and temperance organizations, meeting here, formally requested the State Department to stop serving alcoholic beverages at social functions in countries where there are strong religious scruples against liquor.

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council, a federation of nearly 50 denominational and regional temperance groups, adopted a resolution declaring that heavy drinking by American diplomats is harming the nation's prestige. It said this was especially so in those lands where there is a definite stigma attached to everything that has to do with manufacture, distribution, sale, and consumption of alcohol in any form.

Miss Elizabeth Smart, Washington representative of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said temperance leaders

particularly had in mind India, the Arab countries, and other lands with a large Mohammedan population which frowns upon strong drink.

The Council, in another resolution, congratulated the State Department for cutting its "entertainment budget" for cocktail parties. The delegates expressed hope that the practice of using public funds to buy alcoholic beverages for such occasions would soon be discontinued entirely.

In a rebuke apparently aimed at Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who recently hired a national distillery official as his administrative assistant, the Council went on record favoring a legal ban on federal employment, in any capacity, of those

who have active association with the manufacture or sale of intoxicating beverages.

The Council also called attention to protests from Canada that brewers and distillers who are prohibited from advertising their products over the air in that country are sponsoring programs on American radio stations.

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#### NEW ORLEANS, La.—(BP)—

There was no doubt about it being Thomas Roy L. Thomas, first year student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here recently became pastor of Thomas Baptist Church, Thomastown, La. To complete the picture, Thomas preached his first sermon in Thomas Church on the apostle Thomas.

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### Beaman's Alliance Bible-Lands Tours

Dr. Roy Beaman, professor in the New Orleans Seminary, announces that he still has a few plane reservations and a few London hotel reservations for the Alliance and Bible lands. These will be the fifth and sixth tours for Professor Beaman. His pre-alliance itinerary leaves New York June 14, visits twelve countries, attends the Alliance, and reaches New York July 27. His post-alliance itinerary leaves New York July 15 for the Alliance, visits thirteen countries in all, and reaches New York August 26. If interested, you may write him at 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, New Orleans 22, Louisiana.

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### ENCAMPMENT SPEAKER



James Sapp

Shown above is James Sapp, southwide Brotherhood Associate Secretary, who will participate on the program at the Brotherhood Encampment at Garaywa, April 29-30.

### COMING EVENTS

There are three events coming up within the next few weeks that the Brotherhood leadership of our churches will be definitely interested in. We are calling your attention to them now in order that you may make your arrangements accordingly. Two of these events are new to our Brotherhood leadership and a great deal of attention will have to be given to them. They have been occasioned by the transfer of the sponsorship of the Royal Ambassadors to Brotherhood. The events are as follows:

#### ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS FOR SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, April 15-16

#### ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS FOR NORTH MISSISSIPPI

Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, April 22-23

Men have asked repeatedly what they can do specifically in regard to their new responsibility for Royal Ambassadors. In April we are going to try our wings for the first time sponsoring the Royal Ambassador Congresses. You will note that we are having two this year instead of one. It was thought wise to do this for two reasons. In the first place we wanted to get the meetings as close to the boys as possible so it would eliminate some long trips and in the second place the congresses will be easier handled if we do not have such mammoth crowds that has been true in the past. For the first time in all these years we are responsible for getting our boys to these congresses. It is our sincere hope no boy who is enrolled in Royal Ambassadors will be denied the opportunity of attending if he desires. Joel

Ray, our Royal Ambassador Secretary, has arranged a very fine program. Some of those to be on program are: Humberto Soares, Brazil; Domingo Dasal, Philippine Islands; Hiroshi Tanga, Japan; Ivelices Veitia, Cuba; Roque Silva, Cuba; Rustam Zal, India, and Dr. David Yang, China.

### BROTHERHOOD ENCAMPMENT, GARAYWA, April 29-30

This will be the second year that we have had a Brotherhood Encampment over the week end. Last year we almost filled Garaywa to capacity. The plan is to arrive at Camp Garaywa on Friday afternoon, April 29, and remain until after the service on Saturday evening. Total cost for the four meals beginning with Friday evening through Saturday evening plus lodging on Friday night is only \$4.00. Space is definitely limited and you should make your reservation immediately by just advising us how many will be present from your Brotherhood. No registration fee is required. The \$4.00 that you will pay when you arrive will all go for paying for our eats and lodging. The important thing is to make your reservation now.

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### Changes Among The Churches Called and Accepted:

Donald Hawthorne, Chestnut Ridge Church, Laurens, S. C., from Louisville, Ky.

Fred J. Martin, Jr., Clio, Alabama.

Walter Yeldell, West Memphis, Ark. from Clarksville, Arkansas.

Herbert Sorrell, Sturgis, Ky., from Salem, Lynn Grove, Ky.

J. Fran Hixon, First, Barbourville, Ky., from Tabernacle, Paducah, Ky.

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In response to requests from secretaries of evangelism in several state conventions, the Radio and Television Commission has prepared special radio spot announcement scripts for the simultaneous evangelistic crusade. These spot announcement scripts are designed for churches and associations and are now available through all state secretaries of evangelism on request.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the Oklahoma Baptist Handbook for 1955. It is packed full of information about the Oklahoma Baptist work for the year 1954. Among the items was \$22,000 for the support of the Baptist Messenger, the Oklahoma Baptist paper.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Eupora

Eupora Baptists are planning to join many other churches in Mississippi in the Evangelistic Crusade. The Brotherhood is planning to share in the effort to have 500,000 cottage prayer meetings prior to the beginning of the meetings. Eupora hopes to have 30.

A contract has been let to completely air-condition the church plant.

An anonymous giver recently presented the church with a set of chimes.

All the organizations are growing and the mission emphasis is increasing and the church now gives 33 1/3 per cent of its income for missions.

Rev. W. W. Herrin is the pastor.

Record readers in Webster County are now listed as follows: ALVA, 21; CROSS ROADS, 31; Double Springs, 16; Edgeworth, 12; EUPORA, 167; FELLOWSHIP (BELLE-FOUNTAIN), 33; Harmony, 1; Lollar's Grove, 1; MANTEE, 88; MATHISTON, 75; MT. ZION, 33; MT. VERNON, 36; MONTE VISTA, 32; NEW HOPE, 37; CUMBERLAND, 20; Philadelphia, 14; PILGRIM'S REST, 43; Sapa, 1; Walthall, 2; Spring Hill, 19.

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### Buck Creek Is No. 1121

It's the same old story with the same old result. Recently Pastor Z. David Howard of Buck Creek Church in Perry County asked that the Baptist Record be sent for a few weeks on trial to acquaint his people with the Baptist Record. This was done and now Buck Creek is on the EVERY FAMILY list of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Perry County are now listed as follows: Bethel, 2; ARLINGTON, 22; BEAUMONT, 73; BREWER, 30; BUCK CREEK, 26; INDIAN SPRINGS, 25; JANICE, 31; KENNEDY MEMORIAL, 24; NEW AUGUSTA, 61; RICHTON, 95; RUNNELSTOWN, 82; Seminary, 13; UNION, 23.

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### Houston

Baptist affairs are on the upgrade in Houston, according to Pastor William G. Watson.

At the present time the church is seeking an educational secretary. Tentative plans have been made for remodeling the present building to provide more room for the growing organizations.

Record readers in Chickasaw County are now listed as follows: Amity, 5; Arbor Grove, 14; BETHEL, 33; Egypt, 14; HOULKA, 91; HOUSTON, 160; MT. OLIVE, 37; OKOLONA, 116; PLEASANT RIDGE, 69; SHILOH, 50; UNION CHAPEL, 45; VAN VLEET, 35; WOODLAND, 27; McCONDY, 21.

## Arctic Circle Missionaries



Rev. and Mrs. Dick Miller

REV. DICK MILLER AND HIS RECENT BRIDE, Opal Hammond Miller, home missionaries in Alaska, left the last of February for their field of service in Kotzebue, a small Eskimo settlement north of the Arctic Circle.

Rev. Miller is from Myrtle, Mississippi, and Mrs. Miller is from Rotan, Texas. They are pictured in their Eskimo parkas.

The Rev. Miller is the son of J. T. Miller in Myrtle, and is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton.

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ATLANTA, Ga. — (BN) The Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board has approved a \$14,400 appropriation to aid in the construction of the Baptist Baby Home, New Orleans, Louisiana. The appropriation will supplement the \$75,000 given by the Woman's Missionary Union earlier. Construction of the Home is expected to begin soon.

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THE DREAM IS CERTAIN, is an expression in poetry of Author Doris Hedges's ideals: trust in God, faith in man; a real sympathy for the underdog; and an impelling belief in service. "It is a lovely fragile poem written by one who has the magic touch of the true poet and can paint beautiful scenes with words that make the heart sing or cry. The work is full of spirit and color, and its smooth flowing simplicity gives it added charm." In these days of the H-bomb people have forgotten how to pray. They are interested only in gold and greed. Sometimes it seems that the sun has hidden its face, but there is a certain hope in prayer and in the regeneration of the world through Christ Jesus. Order this long-to-be-remembered poem from the Baptist Book Store or from The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Massachusetts (\$1.50).

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## N. O. Seminary To Open Building

NEW ORLEANS, La. — (BP) —The school of religious education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here is planning to enter its new building May 17, in time to hold summer school classes there.

Cornerstone of the new structure, which will include two wings and a sheltered walkway connecting it with the seminary library, was laid in ceremonies held February 16.

One wing, housing faculty offices, classrooms, a photography room, kitchen and model church office, will be called J. M. Frost Religious Education Building in honor of one of the founders of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The other will be known as John H. Martin Chapel in memory of the prominent businessman of Gainesville, Ga. This wing, a workshop-auditorium, will house the work of the department of educational arts and crafts.

J. M. Price, Jr., is director of the school of religious education.



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Rev. Loyd Moon



Mrs. Loyd Moon

Pictured above is Rev. Loyd Moon, missionary in Brazil, and Mrs. Moon, who with Dr. William Hall Preston, et al., are participating in Baptist Focus Days at Jones Jr., Co-Lin Jr., Delta State, Miss. State, and Itawamba Jr. this week.

### CAMPUSOLOGY

Missionary Carl Whitley, of Nigeria, was the featured speaker during Delta State's Missions Emphasis Week last month. BSU Director James Breland reports an outstanding week.

482 Baptists and Baptist preference students, with 220 Baptist students living on the campus, are at Jackson College, according to Frederick L. Brown, BSU Director. Recently a discussion on "Christian Ideals for Courtship and Marriage" was led by BSU President Hugh E. Stevens. Brother Brown recently spoke at Miss. Vocational College and led in a meeting we were privileged to attend when Jackson, Miss. Vocational, and Alcorn A&M BSU's formed a State Intercollegiate Conference.

277 Baptist students are enrolled at and eight joined a local church from William Carey recently, according to BSU Director Jewel Hannah. The BSU library contains 107 volumes. Eighteen students and Miss Hannah attended the Student Missions Conference at New Orleans Seminary last month. They were Edith Whitley, Don Stewart, Mona Daughdrill, Billie Ingram, Sue Holland, Loza Upshaw, Nell Booker, Arnold McLin, Pat Pinson, Step Martin, Dora Dunkley, Ellen Davis, Kenneth Flynt, Carolyn McGaughin, Velma Bates, Joyce Ferrell, Ester Crum, Alice Ann Gebhart, and B. C. Miles.

Louie Farmer, Jr., Miss. Southern BSU Director, is organizing his party for the official BSU Tour to Europe this summer. Price is \$849; sailing date, July 1; length of tour, in-

cluding 10 days in London during Baptist World Alliance, 47 days; countries to be visited, Canada, England, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, France. Write Mr. Farmer, Station A, Box 117, Hattiesburg, for further info.

145 Baptists are at Southwest Jr., according to BSU Director Elois Coward. There are five unsaved students.

181 Baptists are at Perkinston Jr., according to Mrs. R. R. Darby, BSU Director, 91 unsaved students; 10 volumes in BSU library, reported.

Gladys Bryant, BSU Director for East Central Jr., recently reported that Pastor C. O. Lindsey, of Union, spoke to the BSU; that the BSU presented a program at Rocky Point (Leake County) Church, and that (as has been reported in the Record), Olen Nall was licensed by the Decatur Church to preach. Miss Bryant and Pastor and Mrs. John Cook recently gave a supper for the BSU Council.

Three Sunflower Jr. students recently volunteered for summer service, according to BSU Director Jo Anna Crouch. Faculty members are showing much interest in the Morning Watch services.

214 Baptists are at Blue Mountain, according to Faye Wilkes, BSU Director. Four joined the local church recently. There are 452 volumes in the BSU Library.

There are 210 Baptists at Clarke Memorial College, BSU Director Charles W. Powell, reports. 70 subscriptions to the Baptist Student are reported. Edith Taylor is the new BSU President.

146 Baptists and 25 unsaved are at Holmes Jr., states BSU Director Mary Ann Rushing. 20 volumes are in the BSU Library. The BSU room has recently received a new rug, new drapes, and the floor has been painted.

Co-Lin Jr. has 240 Baptists, 16

## "I Will Be At Your Meeting Tonight"

By Millard A. Jenkins

It was in a south Georgia town where I was conducting a revival meeting in the Baptist church. As the pastor and I were walking along one of the streets, we passed a small office building. Over the door was the sign, "Law Office."

"There is a hard old sinner in there," he said.

"Who is he?" I asked.

"He is old Judge So-and-So."

"Let's go in and talk to him about his soul," I proposed.

"Talk to him?" exclaimed my friend. "He would curse you out of the place if you dared to talk religion to him. He has no use for preachers and churches."

"Well," I replied, "I wouldn't mind taking a little 'cussing for Jesus' sake. We might do him some good and he can do us no harm."

"If you want to try it, go ahead," said he, "and I will follow; but I doubt if you will do him any good; it has been tried before and got no where."

We went in. It was a small one-room place and didn't look as if it had had a cleaning in months.

"Howdy, Judge," I began.

unsaved. The BSU welcomed and worked with Pastor Brooks Wester, of Brookhaven, in Religious Emphasis Week, and furnishes a pianist each Sunday for Rocky Hill Church, near Wesson, according to Mrs. George Nichols, BSU Director.

The whole Miss. College community was greatly blessed by the ministry of Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., during their recent Spiritual Emphasis Week, states Frank Horton, BSU Director. Dr. Nelson effectively reached every segment of the campus for Christ.

Each Sunday afternoon, one or more groups of Ole Miss students visit in the homes of aged church members, shut-ins, ill students, the hospitals and the County Home, reports Marian Leavell, BSU Director.

388 Baptists are at Jones Jr., says BSU Director Nell Magee. 25 unsaved students are reported. Two recently joined a local church. 30 engaged in off-campus mission work. Twelve had charge of Jones County Baptist Associational radio program.

One from Pearl River Jr. recently joined the Poplarville Church, according to Harold Gully, BSU Director. 125 attended a campus-wide evangelistic service. 22 students participated in the Choir and Testimony service at the associational music festival.

A weekly prayer meeting in the Football Dorm at East Miss. Jr., has been started, states BSU Director Luther Litchfield. The BSU had charge of one of the Sunday night services in the Scooba Church last month.

I took his hand and gave it a good shake. I had learned he was from North Carolina; and if a fellow is a fool about anything, it is being from the Old North State. There is a common bond between Tarheels.

"I hear you are from North Carolina," I said. "That's my state, and when there's a North Carolina around I want to meet him."

We were soon acquainted and talking about men, and families, and events we knew about.

"Judge," I continued, "you are a Civil War veteran and my father was a Civil War veteran. He has been gone several years. Oh, how I miss him! If he were here I would make a request of him that he would grant. Let's play like I am your son and let me make that request of you."

He smiled and asked, "What is your request?" "I will grant it if I can."

"I would ask him to let us kneel here on the floor and pray," I said.

Without a word the old man got down on his knees. I got down close to him so my arm could press his. As I prayed I felt his body quiver, and then I heard a sob. When we arose, "Thank you," he said; "I will be at your meeting tonight. At what hour do you begin?"

"Eight o'clock," I replied, "and I will be looking for you."

At seven o'clock the pastor and I dropped in to do some planning. There sat the old man on the front seat, his head bowed



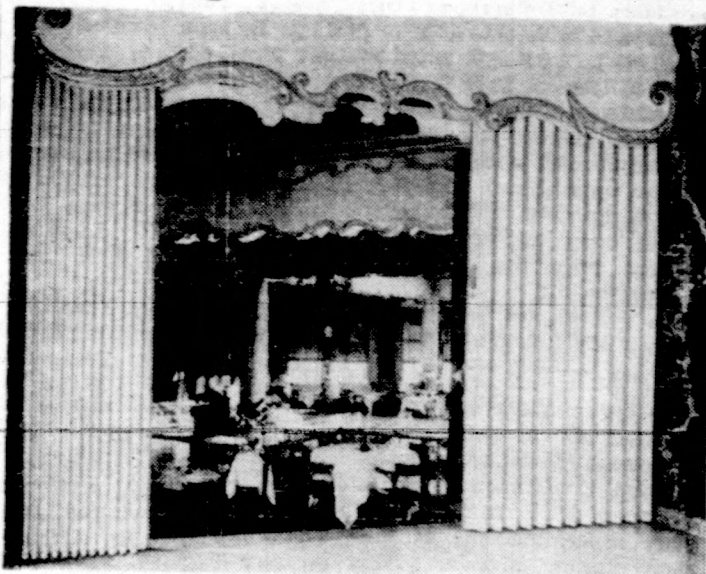
### NEW ORLEANS, La. — (BP)

The Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has approved a proposal that a large teaching hospital be established at Alhambra, Calif. At a recent meeting of the Commission in New Orleans a delegation from California Baptists and the Alhambra chamber of commerce told the Commission that a \$500,000 site and \$2,000,000 cash will be made available. The Commission will recommend the proposal to the Southern Baptist Convention.

as if in deep meditation. I preached to him that night, and tried to make the way of salvation plain. When I gave the invitation he came forward with outstretched hand, his countenance lighted.

"I take Him as my Saviour," he said. "As long as eternity lasts I'll thank God for your visit this afternoon and your prayer. I will go on before you and will be waiting to meet you up there."

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## Zion Hill Plans Revival Meeting

Rev. H. P. Porter, pastor of the Heuck's Retreat Church, will do the preaching at the Mississippi Association.

Services will be held each evening March 13-18.

Albert Jones will lead the music and Mrs. Thomas Dawson will assist at the piano.

Rev. B. T. Bishop is the pastor.

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## How To Plant A Gracious Garden

First, plant four rows of peas:

Presence  
Promptness  
Preparation  
Perseverance

Next to these plant three rows of squash:

Squash Gossip  
Squash Indifference  
Squash Criticism

Then plant five rows of lettuce: Let us obey rules and regulations.

Let us be true to our obligations  
Let us be faithful to duty

Let us be loyal and unselfish  
Let us love one another

No garden is complete with out turnips:

Turn up with a smile  
Turn up with new ideas  
Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

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Forty-one of the 48 city superintendents of missions attended the Eleventh Annual City Mission Conference in Dallas February 21-24. A number of state superintendents of missions, pastors, and lay people were also present. Officers elected were: Blount Davidson, Montgomery, Alabama, president; James Baggott, Atlanta, Georgia, and Ralph Bacon, Dallas, vice-presidents; Robert O. Barker, Columbia, S. C., W. T. Holland, Kansas City, Missouri, secretaries; W. J. Carswell, Savannah, Ga., and A. E. Pardue, Baton Rouge, La., directors of music.

The group voted to meet at Ridgecrest August 2-8, 1956 for their next meeting.

## My Favorite Bible Verse

Laurel

II. By Mrs. Butler Sanders,

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." (Psalms 121:1, King James Version).

III. By Mrs. Gena Jenkins, Gulfport

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16, King James Version).

IV. By Mrs. Eula Farris, Dorsey "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22, King James Version).

Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish one each week. When sending your favorite verse address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

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## SB Pastors Meet

The program of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, which meets in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, has been released. The conference will begin on Monday evening, May 16. The final session will be held on Tuesday night, May 17. There will also be a Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon session.

Many outstanding speakers from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will have part on the program. The Monday evening program lists John H. Haldeman, Florida; William R. McLain, South Carolina; Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee; Hugh Bumpas, Oklahoma; Albert McCellan, Tennessee; Douglas M. Branch, North Carolina; and C. E. Matthews, Texas.

The Tuesday morning session will hear Raymond DeArmond, Tennessee; James W. Merritt, Georgia; E. C. Brown, Oklahoma; Jaroy Webber, Louisiana; and Edward L. Byrd, South Carolina.

Speakers for the Tuesday afternoon session will be: J. Earl Stallings, Florida; Preston L. Ramsey, Kentucky; E. L. Williams, Tennessee; Wayne Dehoney, Alabama; and Wallace Bassett, Texas.

At the concluding session on Tuesday the following will make addresses: Vaughn Johnson, Florida; Walter L. Moore, Mississippi; J. Ralph Grant, Texas; and Dr. R. G. Lee, Tennessee.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)

Ben R. Murphy, associate partner with McIntyre & Associates, Nashville, has been elected manager of the Accounting and Control Department, Business Division, Baptist Sunday School Board. He will assume his duties April 15. Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, announced.

## Hosey Locke First To Order Literature

The first order received from Mississippi by the S. B. C. Education Commission for materials to be used in the second annual Convention-wide April Emphasis on Christian Education April 10 came from Hosey Locke, Route 5, Oxford, Mississippi.

Packets of sample materials were mailed to every Southern Baptist pastor in Mississippi on Tuesday, February 15 and Mr. Locke's order for enough materials for 30 Intermediates' use was received by return mail. Final shipments of more than 23,500 sample packets of materials and letters were mailed from Nashville, Tennessee, Friday, February 18 and were sent to pastors in 22 states and the District of Columbia.

"The number of orders we are receiving for more of these materials from various states is indicative of the great concern Southern Baptist church leaders have for the vocational future of their young people," Dr. Freeman H. Beets, assistant to the executive secretary of the Education Commission and writer of many of the materials being used in the emphasis, stated.

The packets contained special materials which were designed to encourage high school students and other young people to make a systematic and careful study of their interests, aptitudes and abilities and to relate them to occupations which are worthy of their God-given talents and in which they can lead effective Christian lives. Theme of the 1955 Emphasis on Christian Education is "Finding a Worthy Career."

Dr. Beets explained that any church which has not received a sample packet of materials may secure one free by writing the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

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## The Baptist Hour

Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Church, Atlanta, Ga., will preach three Sundays in March on the Baptist Hour, using the following sermon topics on the theme, "Christ or Chaos": "What It Means to Be Lost," "What To Do With Our Sins," and "The Sin of Worry." On Sunday, March 13, Dr. C. E. Autrey will preach the sermon in connection with the Simultaneous Revival Crusade.

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ALEXANDRIA, La. (Special)

Dr. Floyd B. Chaffin, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, announced here this week that Rev. Fred Forester of Bessemer City, N. C. has been named Brotherhood secretary for the State.

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It is not the fact that a man has riches which keeps him from the kingdom of heaven, but the fact that the riches have him. — David Caird

## Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### GRENADA ASSOCIATION HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

During the week of February 13-17, the Grenada Association had its first Association-wide Music School. The school was held in the First Church of Grenada. Mr. Herbert Batson, Associational Music Director, taught the class in song leadership and conducting. The State Secretary of Music taught the class in music theory and orientation. A mass choir session was held each evening, and on Thursday night, February 17, the Mass Choir gave a brief concert, using the numbers studied during the week.

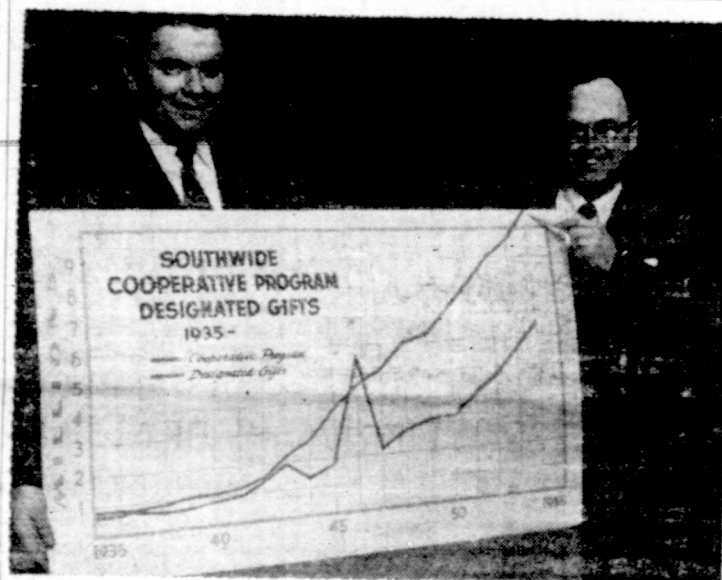
Mr. Herbert Batson, Minister of Music in the First Church of Grenada, lead out in promoting this effort. Dr. John Landrum joined in the promotion, and was present throughout the

week. Dr. Landrum is pastor of the First Church of Grenada. Mrs. W. C. Hardy, organist in the First Church of Grenada, served at the piano and organ during the week. Miss Sandra Pascal served at the piano for the Music Rally, and during the concert.

A total enrollment of 203 was reached.

### MUSIC MAILING LIST BEING REVISED

The Music Department is revising the mailing list, and we are anxious to have the names of all church song leaders and choir directors, organists, and pianists, to place on this mailing list. Please send us the names of these leaders just as soon as possible. It will be to your advantage for them to receive the mail from our office.



RUNS OFF THE GRAPH . . . Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention points to the place where the graph ran off the poster in 1954. Years ago when artists prepared the poster to show the rise of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program they little dreamed that by 1954 their card would be too small. Total Cooperative Program receipts received in the office of Porter Routh, secretary-treasurer for 1954 was \$10,739,479, a gain of \$1,056,136 or 10.91 per cent over 1953. —BAPTIST PRESS

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5	(To be announced)
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12	Mr. Charles Miller
13N	Rev. N. F. Greer
13S	Rev. John W. Green
14	Mr. Ralph Herrin
15	Rev. Harold Douglas

The above mentioned district presidents are the ones who are leading out in the planning of the District Convention programs. Check your Training Union District Number and you will see the name of your district president. You can help your president most by attending your district meeting. Watch for further information in succeeding issues of the Record.

### CALHOUN ASSOCIATION

In the March issue of The

Baptist Training Union Magazine is an article on "How We Become a Standard Association" by one of our own Associational Training Union Directors, Mrs. E. E. Barton, of Calhoun Association.

Mrs. Barton was elected director of Calhoun Association in 1948. By 1950 the association became standard and has continued to maintain standard status the past four years.

Turn to page 49 of the Training Union Magazine and read this challenging story of how one of our own directors and her officers helped their association to become standard.

### THE STUDY COURSE

The underlying purpose of the graded Training Union study course may be stated briefly as follows:

1. To acquaint people with the approved methods of training church members in the Training Union. These methods have been developed through years of experience and will prove successful in any Baptist church.

2. To teach the real meaning and purpose of Training Union

work.

3. To set out clearly our forms of church organization and government and to describe essential church activities in such a way that our people may see how they should participate in those activities.

4. To familiarize church members with the world-wide program of Baptists and the methods they are using in trying to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus.

5. To train our people in soul-winning and in every phase of Christian stewardship.

6. To give a clear, simple study of all the great Bible doctrines.

7. To give church members a usable knowledge of the books of the Bible.

"The Graded Training Union Study Course For All Church Members" is in pamphlet form and may be obtained by writing the Training Union Department, Sunday School Board, or your state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson. The information used above was taken from this pamphlet, which has some very vital information for you if you are planning any kind of a study course in your church this year.

### MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

The Military Service Membership Plan is an integral part of the Training Union's ministry of training in church membership

Through it, Adult and Young People's unions help the church maintain its relationship with members away in military service by helping them to continue to grow as Christians and church members.

Order the free tract and poster, entitled "Keep 'em Growing" from your state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530 Jackson or from the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee. The tract introduces and explains the basic plan; the poster may be used in promoting the plan in your union.

Compile a correct list showing names and addresses of all men and women of your church who are away in military service and whose ages correspond to those of your union. Order the two new record form, TU 1850 and TU 1855 from your Baptist Book Store, and order for each of the prospects on the list the booklet "When You Are the 'U' in Uniform."

Another tract which will be very helpful in promoting the Military Service Membership Plan is "The Training Union Military Service Membership Plan At Work In Your Union." This tract is available from your state Training Union Department or from the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. This tract contains ten suggestions for promoting this plan.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from the Pleasant Hill Church, Clarke County. The list was sent by Mrs. C. B. Adams. Rev. W. W. Hayes is the pastor.

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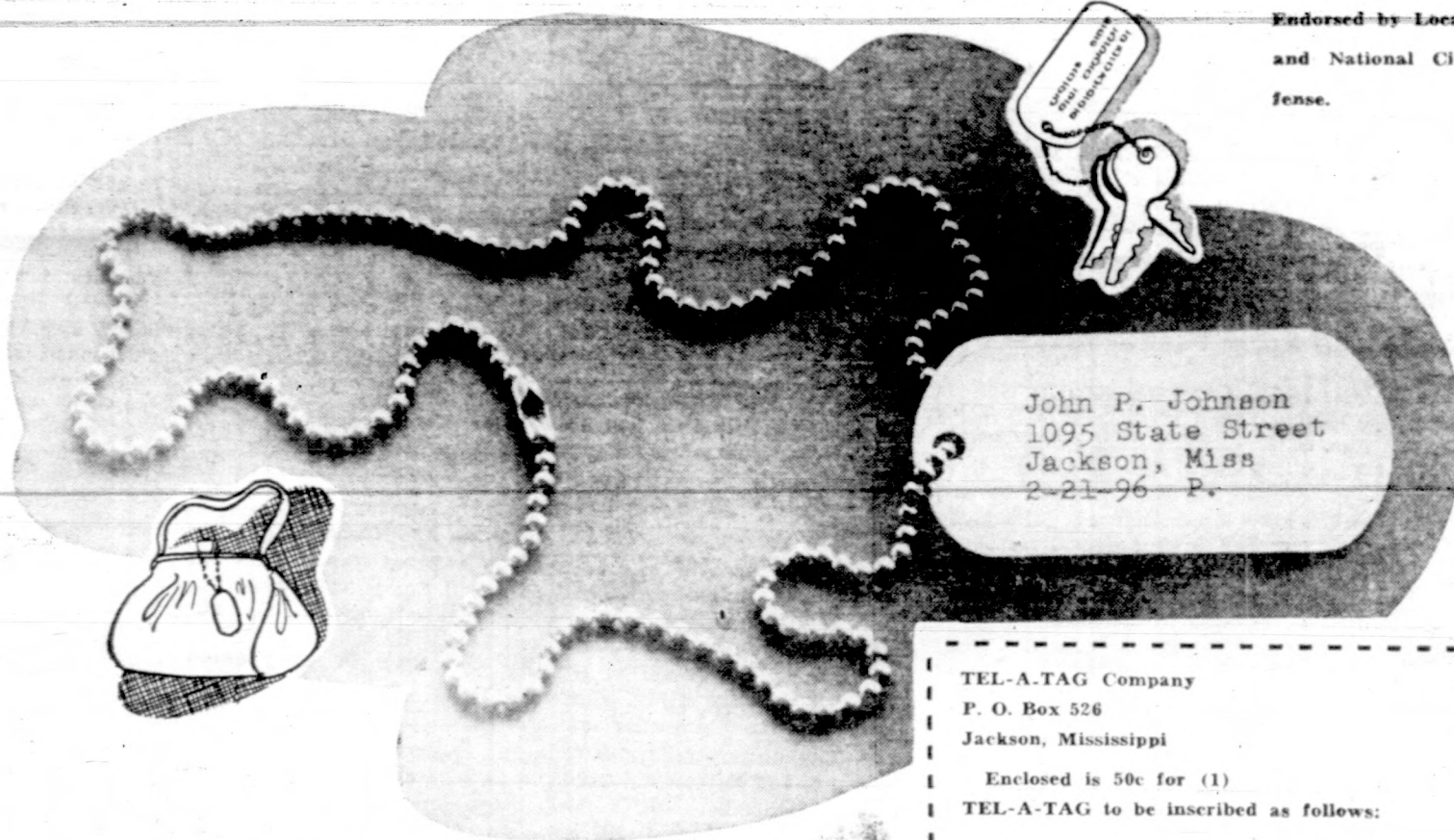
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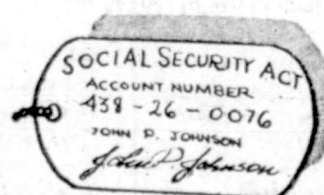
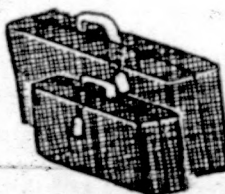
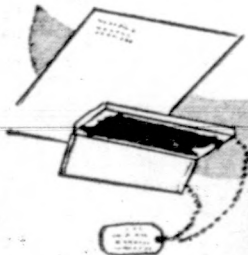


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### FOUR BIG MILEPOSTS

During 1954, Southern Baptists passed four important mileposts along the road of progress. These four mileposts are:

1. Eight million church members.
2. Six million Sunday school enrolment.
3. Two million Vacation Bible school enrolment.
4. Two million Training Union enrolment.

These figures are the round numbers that give the millions only. Actually, the exact number in each of the four points is more than the figures given above.

Yes, we are in big business. The Lord's work is always big business, regardless of the number involved. However, we should strive faithfully to reach and win every person that we possibly can. With God everybody is somebody.

May we pass other important mileposts this year.

### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

In our Sunday school program, the Young People are those from 17-24 years of age, inclusive.

Every age-group is important, because every person is important. However, here are three factors that do make this group a most vital one to all our work, namely:

1. 70 per cent of all homes established are in this age-group.
2. 50 per cent of all babies are born to those of this group.
3. 30 per cent of all divorces are also in this group.

These three facts alone are sufficient to bring vividly to all of us the value of reaching them for our Sunday schools during these important years.

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Loyed R. Simmons, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona, has been elected president of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix and assumes his duties April 15.

### MORE STANDARDS

**Schools:** Columbia, First, Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor; B. F. Duncan, Supt.; Columbus, First, Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, Jim Wilder, Supt.; Cedar Grove, Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor, Jack Bourne, Supt.; Heidelberg, Rev. C. G. Wells, pastor, J. G. Smith, Supt.; New Prospect, Rev. R. F. Hallford, pastor, Maxie Smith, Supt.; Macedonia, Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor, Henry J. Stanley, Supt.; Fair River, T. C. Johnson, pastor, Willard Nations, Supt.; Tybertown, Rev. Vernon May, pastor, George W. Wingo, Supt.

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### New Intermediate Leader

When Dr. Stanley Williamson became secretary of Association work with the Baptist Sunday School Board recently, that left the place of Intermediate superintendent open.

Now Rev. Allen Comish, pastor of the First Baptist church of Jonesboro, Ga., has assumed the duties of Intermediate superintendent.

A native of Louisiana, Brother Comish was formerly associate pastor of the First Baptist church of Brunswick, Ga. He is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana College, has a M. R. E. degree from the New Orleans Seminary, and has completed his work, except the thesis, for a doctorate in religious education.

## Complete This Task Now

By McKinley Norman,  
Evangelist  
Dallas, Texas

The figures released by Secretary, J. P. Edmunds, of the Sunday School Board, on the campaign for "A Million More in '54" should start all of us to singing "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow" and "Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to War."

### Now Is Completion Time

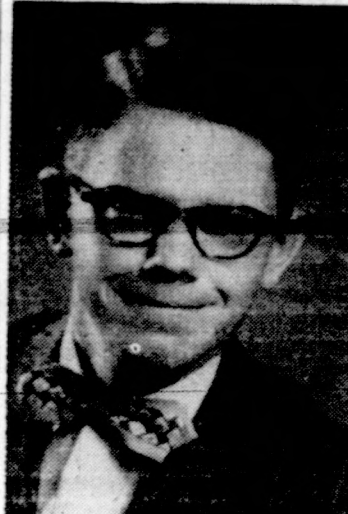
Twenty thousand Churches enrolling an average of twenty new members each during the coming Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade will add 400,000 members to our Baptist Sunday Schools and this will more than complete our great objective for a million additional Sunday School members. Moreover, it will challenge our people for still larger efforts in the regular advances which, added to the increase during the revival season, will equal and possibly surpass our great victory of the last year. Let us arise and do it.

### Logical And Practical

My experience in Evangelism leads me to urge that this suggestion is both logical and practical for the following reasons:

1. It fits into the Crusade plans perfectly.
2. It will challenge the Churches, large and small, to their best abilities.
3. It will yield the highest possible efficiency in the use of the Census returns included in the Crusade plans. Certainly there are other ways to use the Census information but here is the high point in the value of the census, in the matter of reaching out for the people.
4. It will give a great challenge for the last Sunday of the revival. If the middle Sunday is High Attendance Day, the last Sunday can be Sunday School Enrollment Day.
5. According to the law of average, the larger percent of the people we win in the immediate revival Crusade, are already in the Sunday School or will be, by the time the revival begins. But an intensive effort during the revival, such as suggested here will add greatly to these immediate possibilities and will also conserve the efforts in behalf of those who will be won to Christ and His Church beyond revival time.
6. There is no better time to enroll people for regular Bible study in the Sunday School than when the warmth and zeal of revival fire is burning. Sure I know all of the objections to this plan, such as padding the rolls etc., but none of them are worthy of attention. God has proven to us over and over that this is the very best way to reach out after the masses. Let us do it for "Christ's sake and the Church."

## James Lewis Ordained



Rev. James A. Lewis

Rev. James Aron Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lewis was ordained at the Edgeworth Church of the Zion Association February 27.

He was recently called to pastor the Horton Memorial Church in the Pontotoc Association. He is a student at Blue Mountain College.

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## My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. R. L. Yeager, Boyle

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 44:10, King James Version).

II. By Mrs. Dennis Middleton, McCall Creek

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8, King James Version).

III. By Mrs. Barney Wigington, Moselle

"In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6, King James Version).

IV. By Mrs. Jesse B. Massey, Holmesville

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." (James 3:17, King James Version).

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## Cranfield To Have Youth Revival

Rev. J. Ray Grissett, Hattiesburg, a graduate of Mississippi College, will be the evangelist for the Youth Revival to be held at Cranfield Church near Natchez March 14-20.

Rev. Horace Carpenter is the pastor; Edward Ferrell will lead the song services.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 14 — Ruth Randle, William Carey College staff; Foster Turner, Perry Association; al Sunday School Superintendent.

March 15 — Mrs. D. R. Bowen, State W. M. U. Mission Study Chairman; F. B. Grayson, Washington Association; al Brotherhood President.

March 16 — A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College staff; J. K. Short, Clarke Association; al Training Union Director.

March 17 — Mrs. J. R. Tillery, Seminary Extension Department; Rev. Earl Warford, Alcorn Association; al Music Director.

March 18 — Joanne Ball, Mississippi College staff; Mrs. B. B. Pridgen, Baptist Building.

March 19 — Martha Darby, Perkinson Junior, State BSU Social Chairman; Elois Coward, BSU Director, Southwest Junior College.

March 20 — Rev. L. F. Haire, Calhoun Association; al Missionary; Rev. H. O. Haywood, Clay Association; al Chairman of Evangelism.

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## Gresham and Reavis Join S'western Staff

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, have made announcement of two additions to the administrative staff.

Dr. Felix Gresham, pastor of the First Church, Stephenville, Texas, has been named dean of students. He is serving as counselor for students, advisor to dormitory men, adviser for student loans, veterans coordinator and exercises a general oversight of the registrar's office.

Dr. L. B. Reavis, pastor of the First Church, Denton, Texas, was elected endowment secretary, effective April 1. He will succeed Dr. J. W. Bruner, who is to retire July 1.

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Red Creek Union Church, Jackson County, will participate in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade with a week-end revival to be held March 18-20. Rev. R. L. Vaughn, father of the pastor, Rev. Marvin Vaughn, will do the preaching. On Sunday, March 20, an "old-time picnic dinner" will be served on the church grounds.

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3. Jackson, First	8,333.30	35. Hattiesburg, Main St.	1,670.00	68. Greenville, Second	900.00	Bay Springs	600.00
4. Meridian, First	6,104.16	36. Hazlehurst, First	1,660.00	69. Louisville, First	900.00	Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	600.00
5. Gulfport, First	5,000.00	37. Meridian, 41st Ave.	1,659.29	70. West Point, Calvary	892.72	Petal, Harvey	600.00
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8. Pascagoula, First	3,909.47	40. Canton, First	1,542.71	73. Lucedale, First	800.00	92. Forest	588.62
9. McComb, First	3,854.01	41. Leland, First	1,504.46	74. Charleston, First	786.79	93. McComb, South	586.23
10. Brookhaven, First	3,701.75	42. Meridian, Popular Springs Drive	1,482.57	75. Natchez, First	775.00	94. Starkville, First	583.32
11. Greenwood, First	3,640.84	43. Holly Springs, First	1,458.17	76. Jackson, Ridgecrest	760.40	95. Prentiss, First	569.65
12. Grenada, First	3,578.01	44. Carthage	1,389.89	77. Jackson, Ackerman	750.00	96. Booneville, First	550.00
13. Tupelo, Calvary	3,500.00	45. Liberty	1,374.21	78. Jackson, Griffith Memo.	750.00	Ruleville, First	550.00
14. Meridian, 15th Ave.,	3,340.04	46. Wiggins	1,351.48	79. McComb, Central	734.26	97. Grenada, Immanuel	537.00
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19. West Point, First	3,000.00	51. Winona, First	1,210.20	84. Drew, First	692.02	—BR—	
20. Tupelo, First	2,781.45	52. Jackson, Van Winkle	1,200.00	85. Meridian, Highland	675.09	Fragments of news coming from Rumania indicate that our brethren in that country are having increasing difficulty in carrying on their work. And, as far as we know, the four Baptist preachers, and one Baptist layman, who were imprisoned in Bulgaria in 1949, are still in jail. Nor is there evidence that any of the four Baptist leaders who were arrested in Czechoslovakia in June 1953 have been liberated. It may be that death has freed some of them.	
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Rev. O. L. Ballard has accepted the pastorate of Grandview Church, Meridian, to fill the resignation vacancy created by the illness of the former pastor, Rev. L. T. Dyess. Mr. Ballard was formerly the pastor of Daleville Church.

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## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

### By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

Bible Text Matthew 6:1-8; 7:7; Philippians 4:4-7.

#### I. PRAYER A FORM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The passage from Matt. 6 is a portion of what we know as the Sermon on the Mount. In this passage the Lord is discussing the general subject of righteousness. The sixth chapter begins, "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men to be seen of them." Our Lord would say it is right to give alms to the poor.

Now, prayer is another form of righteousness. By inference the prayerless man is a wrong doer. No man can be his best self and lead a prayerless life. A prayerless life is one from which God is shut out. The man who deliberately shut God out of his life, thereby wrongs himself and God. He made us for Himself. And anyone who neglects to cultivate the acquaintance of God robs Him of His due and proves ungrateful to the God who made him.

And what shall we say of wrongs wrought to our fellow-man? Our brothers all have serious, crying needs which can be satisfied only by prayer. God has committed unto each of us the glorious ministry of intercession. The intercessor is one who goes between another and God to be the bearer of his brother's need to God and the cause under the Lord of God's blessings unto man. Whatever state of heart may be necessary to qualify a person to pray, this state of heart certainly does qualify a Christian to be God's remembrancer in prayer.

#### II. THE ATTITUDE ONE OF SINCERITY

1. Negatively. "Not as the hypocrites." They make a great show of their prayer. We are told that it was their custom in their day to mingle with the crowd in the market places and on the streets as the hour drew near when the signal summoned men to prayer. When the hour of prayer arrived these actors would immediately strike a pose and begin to voice their prayers in a manner calculated to draw attention to themselves. They were praying to attract the attention of men. 2. Affirmatively. "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

(a) By inference, the duty and privilege are here enjoined. The Lord expects congregations to pray. But he expects individuals to pray. "Thou" is in the singular number and is individual.

(b) Prayer is a transaction be-

tween God and the individual heart. That this may be, prayer must be private, and this it can be even when the one who prays is a member of a congregation more or less vast. One interest must engage the heart of a person at prayer: the search for companionship with God; that is also a submission to His righteous will.

(c) Our Lord gives assurance that no prayer offered in sincerity can go unanswered. Above all other answers God shall give will be the answer of the happy heart, the buoyant spirit, the glowing face.

(d) A second negatively. "Use not vain repetition." This just means a piling-up of words, a saying of the same words over and over.

#### III. THE CERTAINTY OF THE FATHER'S ANSWER

Of course not every foolish request which we make of our Father will be granted by Him. No more would He grant our request for things that would injure us than we would grant the request of our children of things that we know would injure them. At the same time we may assert with all boldness that no prayer in sincerity ever fails to win its answer. Our Heavenly Father may not give us the very thing for which we ask but he always gives us something of infinitely greater value, and that something is Himself. Here it is, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

I am sure that we sometimes read into the words of the Lord a meaning He did not intend when He spoke them. There are those who believe that His words in the parable of the importunate widow were meant to teach the possibility of worrying our heavenly Father into granting a request which He does not wish to grant and I am just as sure that those words mean no such thing. That He does teach us importunity in prayer is certain, but prayer may be as necessary in order that the Lord may change our minds about something, yea, and far more necessary than that we should change His.

This is the assurance of our Lord "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

#### IV. A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

James 5:13-16. The larger portion of this passage has to do with the sick and the suffering, how be it He does say a word of wisdom to the "afflicted", these are those people who bear burdens of sorrow or for some other reason are heavy hearted. To these He says, speaking in the singular, "Let him pray". To all and several of such I am

## Pastor's Son Ordained



Rev. Gene C. Fant

Gene C. Fant was recently licensed to the Gospel Ministry by the Harmony Baptist Church, Laurel Mississippi. Gene is the son of the Rev. T. E. Fant, Pastor of Harmony Church, and Mrs. Fant.

He is at present in his Freshman year at Jones County Junior College, and plans to attend William Carey College next year. He has served as Youth Pastor, and has been elected by his church to serve again as Youth Pastor during Youth Week, March 20-27.

Much interest has been aroused by the efforts of M. Mendes-France to combat French alcoholism. He himself is a milk drinker. Nearly all French Baptists have been total abstainers from the beginning of their history. A young French Baptist, Jean Tanguy, has been very active in promoting temperance. He was recently commended by the French Government for his work.

Rev. Richard J. Sweetman, who was formerly pastor of the County Line Church in Copiah County and who has been working on his degree in Religious Education and Theology at the New Orleans Seminary, will become the Associate Pastor of the Wisconsin Avenue Church in Washington, D. C. on May 1. The pastor of the church is Rev. James A. Bryant, a Mississippian and formerly pastor in McComb.

qualified to say, this is the prescription that will bring relief in ten cases out of every ten.

Certain techniques of prayer for the sick are suggested; calling in the elders (the grave and reverend men of the church, the deacons, a number of any of the mature, sincere, and earnest men of the church) and with the coming of these James prescriptions the anointing of the sick person with oil and the praying of the earnest man for the patient's recovery. I suppose that his prescription is literally carried out in very few cases now, but that there may be healing efficacy in such a proceeding sincerely performed, I make no slightest doubt.

## How To See Spring Before Easter

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

Soon warm days will come again, and winter clothes will seem quite out of place.

Here at the Baptist Orphanage new wardrobes will be needed. We have boys and girls of all ages yet to be sponsored, so if you can outfit one please contact us immediately. We need more clothes for Junior and Intermediates girls than for any other age group.

If you are not able to provide more than a pretty new dress for a girl, or new trousers for a boy, do not hesitate to write us for a name. The necessary items, in addition to yours, will be provided by some one else.

Should you not care to send to an individual, pack a box to be divided between several, and mail to Baptist Orphanage, Box 97, Jackson, Mississippi.

Do not disappoint us! See if Spring won't come before Easter!

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## BELLVUE OBSERVES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Bellvue Church, Hattiesburg, Rev. Marvin Lee, pastor, celebrated its second anniversary several weeks ago. Rev. S. P. Powell, pastor of the Union Church, Pearl River County was guest preacher and Pastor Lee conducted the Family Night service.

It was announced that the pastorage and the educational building are debt-free.

Another special occasion was the recent celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. William Jones. Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Secretary of Rural Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker in the afternoon.

The Christmas tree set up during the Christmas holiday continues to receive decorations. Members and friends of the church pin money on the tree and in the words of one member, "These bills for decorations beat any bulbs I ever saw on a tree." Proceeds of the tree will be used to build a church auditorium.

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MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Baptists who attended sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention here in 1952 should feel at home again this year because the same meeting place will be used.

Dinner Key auditorium, on Biscayne Bay, still lists as its record number accommodated the 13,000 who attended convention sessions three years ago. That is about the seating capacity of the meeting hall.

A favorite fishing spot years ago, the key, a small island, on which the auditorium is located gained its name because those who came brought their dinners with them. The word "dinner" became attached to the island.

The city-owned auditorium cost \$2,000,000 and was built in 1948. Reached by Bayshore Drive, the meeting place is cooled by breezes from Biscayne Bay and the nearby Atlantic Ocean.

Six full-time employees are needed to maintain the auditorium. Booths outside the auditorium will be used to register convention messengers and to furnish information. There will be telephone and telegraph facilities available at the site.

City officials report there should be no problem among messengers about where to eat. Although there will not be any restaurant facilities in the auditorium itself, such facilities are available nearby. With no afternoon sessions of the convention, there should be plenty of time for eating.

Metal folding chairs will be used to seat delegates in the large auditorium. No place will be provided for checking articles but a lost and found desk will be staffed.

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Visit Cuban home mission fields before or after the Southern Baptist Convention this May. Mr. B. M. Crain, Home Board Business Manager, announces two tours to Cuba via air. Complete cost, excepting meals for the four days in Cuba, is \$57.50. Pre-convention tour is May 12-15; the post convention tour is May 22-25. Further information may be secured from Mr. Crain at the Home Board, 161 Spring Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia.



## Sparks & Splinters

Your Baptist missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands are anxious to contact any Baptists or friends of Baptists who may be living here or who plan to come here in the Armed Services or for other reasons. We will greatly appreciate your sending us their names, addresses, telephone numbers and other details so that we may visit them.

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Rev. Oster R. Daniels, formerly educational director of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, and Sildam Springs, Arkansas who became pastor of the Church in February, 1954, seems to be leading the people onward and upward. A mission of the church has been organized into a Baptist church and there have been 103 additions during the year.

Somebody from Jackson mailed a postal card to the Baptist Record giving their favorite verse as Romans 8:29. They did not sign their name. Therefore it cannot be considered. If they care to sign their name and send it, it will be gladly received.

Due to the fact that the pastor, Rev. C. W. Sheffield, is a student at Mississippi College, the Oakland Church will not have the Simultaneous Revival at the same time other churches are having theirs, but will begin the first Sunday in June and close at the time indicated by interest in the meeting. The pastor will do the preaching for the revival. The church decided not to set a definite closing date, but rely upon the leading of the Holy Spirit as to the closing time.

People certainly do read the Baptist Record. A note from Cecil Robinson of Kabba, Nigeria, West Africa, expresses their appreciation for the many who wrote them concerning Mr. Robinson's recent illness. He has now recovered and is back on the job.

Anchor Church in Lafayette County is in the midst of a remodeling program. Asbestos siding has been added and the old auditorium has had a face-lifting. The walls have been painted and three new rooms have been added. Rev. Paul Brown is the pastor.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Barry, Jacksonville, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blackwell, Collins, S. F. Dawis, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Franks, Houston, Texas; Mrs. T. H. Trigg, Clara; Mrs. Ralph Clark, La Grange, Georgia; Hazel Moseley, Amarillo, Texas; Rev. B. H. Ward, Kosciusko; Rev. D. O. Horne, Sumner; Dora Lou Waggener, Jackson.

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in their semi-annual meeting in Fort Worth, March 1, authorized taking bids for construction of two wings to the Memorial Building and approved the 1955-1956 budget of \$1,958,238. One of the wings of three floors will house the School of Theology and the other will more than double the size of Fleming Library. The budget as adopted includes two phases, \$1,054,238 for expansion and \$904,000 for operating expenses. The former includes projects other than the two wings of the Memorial Building. Final plans for the additional projects have not been approved.

If anyone needs concrete evidence of the fact that it pays to advertise in the Baptist Record we call attention to the fact that the Brownell Tours, who have been advertising their European and Holy Land tours, have instructed us not to carry their ad any more. They are not mad, but glad. All the space that they have for these tours has been taken. They have been regular advertisers for the past several months. It pays to advertise in the Baptist Record with its more than 86,000 weekly circulation.

Dr. Pitt Woodroof, pastor of First Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee, will aid Dr. Clyde Martin and First Church, Senatobia, in a revival beginning March 20. The morning services will be held at the city school, which will enable the students of the school to attend along with the other people of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parker, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile who have been in the States on furlough, have sailed for their field of service and may be addressed at Casilla 9796, Santiago, Chile. Mr. Parker is a native of Lucedale, where he and Mrs. Parker make their permanent American home.

Missionary Bill Clawson, a Southern Baptist missionary located at Morelia, Mexico, makes the following request: "Please do not send any more packages because, regardless of the evaluation given by the sender, the customs officials re-evaluate the contents and impose a duty more than the original cost of the articles."

There will be a Spring Revival at Clear Creek Church five miles northeast of Taylorsville with two sermons March 13 and then one sermon at night throughout the week. Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor, will do the preaching.

The Four-Mile Mission in Jackson County has recently experienced growth both in Sunday School and Training Union attendance. The high in Sunday School attendance is 54 and

Training Union 46. This is a mission project of East Moss Point. Rev. H. D. Walker is pastor of the mission.

Dr. Henry G. Rogers, pastor of the Grant Park Church of Atlanta, Georgia, will be the evangelist for the revival services at the Trinity Church, Biloxi, March 13-20. John Fowler, Music Director of the Church, will be in charge of the music. Trinity recently purchased ad-

ditional property for further expansion and voted to renovate the outside of the entire building. There have been 73 additions to the church since October 1. 433 people have been received since the church was organized July, 1952, and 17 have dedicated their lives for full-time Christian Service. Rev. J. Hoffman Harris is pastor.

Rev. Al Finch, Pastor of Dakota Church, Clarke County, will conduct a revival at Phalt Church beginning March 13.

For those planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, pre and post convention tours of Havana, Cuba and Nassau, Bahamas have been planned. You may go by boat or by air and stay a day or a week. These tours have been arranged to match the purpose of the convention. You will visit churches and missions, and places of historical interest.

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The 65,000 people watching the Florida Citrus Exposition Parade in Winter Haven Florida, saw for the first time in the history of the parade, a float with a religious theme. The float was erected by the Ridge Baptist Association to bring before the crowd the simultaneous revivals of Florida, March 6-20.

Rev. Estus Denton, former pastor of Yellow Creek Church, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of West End Church, Louisville. He has moved on the field and is planning a large visitation program.

Dr. W. E. Denham, Sr., delivered the annual Bible Conference lectures at the River Oaks Church of Houston, Texas, where Dr. W. E. Denham, Jr., is Pastor. Dr. Denham's morning lectures comprised an exposition of the Sermon on the Mount. The evening addresses were an exposition of the Letter to the Hebrews. Dr. W. E. Denham, Sr., is an outstanding Bible scholar among Southern Baptist. For eleven years Dr. Denham was professor of Old Testament at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and for three years at Baptist Bible Institute of Lake-

## Pleasant Ridge To Build Pastorium



Pleasant Ridge Church, Chickasaw County, has recently completed a brick building with six Sunday School rooms. The church has new pews and butane gas and is debt free.

In November 1954, the people voted to build a three bedroom brick veneer parsonage. On February 14 several of the members met with the pastor,

Rev. J. E. Rogers, for the ground breaking. A scene from the ground-breaking is shown above.

The building committee is composed of Buford Nichols, Chairman, Mrs. Jasper Rish, treasurer, Jack McQuary, Everett Griffin, Clark Dobbs and J. O. Steeter.

## Radio-Television Commission Slates Special Crusade Speaker

Dr. E. C. Autrey, Associate Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, has accepted the invitation to be "Baptist Hour" speaker to bring three special messages on March 13, April 3 and 17 in observance of the Convention-wide simultaneous revival of 1955.

These program speaking dates

coincide with the three Simultaneous Revival zones: Tropical Zone, March 6th to 20th; Central Zone, March 27th to 10th; North Zone, April 10th to 24th; and in Alaska, April 17th to May 1st.

Dr. Autrey has been a staff member of the Home Mission Board since he left the position of State Secretary of Evangelism for the state of Louisiana in 1952.

land, Florida. Dr. Denham is available for similar lectures.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Clear Springs Church in Choctaw County. The list was sent by Mrs. Frank Ray. Rev. W. T. Holloway is the pastor.

DAWN IN BANTULAND is an account of missionary experiences, observations, reminiscences and reflections of two American Negro Educators, Dr. Amos Jerome White and Luella Graham White, who labored with the African in South Africa, trying to help to bring a little closer the realization of the dreams and hopes of this struggling people. They have been published for the benefit of missionaries and Christians generally who may be interested in the efforts of the South African native to adapt himself to the ways of Western Civilization. For three years the authors, members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, worked among all classes of people in South Africa. Their book is not only exciting and interesting, but is also a first-class account of the existing economic, social, educational, and religious conditions of this country as they found them, and the difficulties they encountered in seeking to instill in these suppressed people a higher appreciation of justice, brotherhood, and life itself. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Massachusetts. The price is \$3.50.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the thirty-fourth annual session of the Oktibbeha County Association. It was held with the Bethesda Church on October 7 and the Center Grove Church on October 8, 1954. The next places of meetings will be Longview Church and Calvary Church. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed. Blue letters are used on a glossy white cover.

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## 50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd Sr.

### 50 YEARS AGO

President W. T. Lowrey of Mississippi College returns from Blue Mountain College where he participated in "Founder's Day" Exercises on February 27th., the 20th anniversary of the death of Gen. M. P. Lowrey. He reports "more than 400 students" in the girls' school, and "about 200 applications for admission have been declined for lack of room."

Pastor J. E. Wills of the Topisaw Baptist Church, Lincoln County, gives a glowing account of a visit to his church of J. E. Byrd, the Sunday School man, resulting in the Sunday School moving up its time of meeting "from twice a month to four times a month" and many other things.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Evangelist T. T. Martin was the preacher and Singer Sam Raiborn was the song leader and personal worker in the "greatest meeting ever held" with the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain. There were 179 professions of faith in Christ. W. A. Whittle is the pastor.

## What Is The Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan?

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Blue Cross - Blue Shield is a plan through which people, companies and hospitals join forces to overcome this problem for the advantage of all. Blue Cross-Blue Shield offers the people of a community the chance to budget regularly in advance of need from their earnings, while they are well, to create a pooled fund out of which hospitals are paid.

## Poplar Flat Church Ordains New Deacons

On Feb. 9th Poplar Flat Church, Louisville, ordained four deacons, Seward Clark, Leon Merritt, Howard Childs and Dewey Cockrell.

The pastor, Rev. W. O. Presson introduced the candidates to the Council, Rev. H. C. Burnes, Rev. Paul Wilson and the deacons of the church.

Rev. Paul Wilson preached the sermon. Rev. H. C. Burnes gave the charge. The prayer was by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Presson. This was followed by the laying on of hands by the Council. The closing prayer was by Chairman W. C. Wood.

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## Man Of Distinction

The heading above is a little bit misleading. This article, instead of being about a man of distinction, is about a man and a woman of distinction and extinction.

According to a news report, "A pre-dawn drinking bout that turned into a blazing pistol duel at a tourist court here (Chattanooga) has left a young north Georgia woman dead and her male companion in serious condition charged with murder."

The woman was shot "five or six times in the chest and right arm and her companion was shot twice in the left arm in an exchange of gunfire which climaxed a heated argument," Hamilton County Investigator John Taylor said.

Taylor said "They had been drinking heavily Tuesday night, according to the couple." They had finished a fifth of whiskey and started on another.

The man slapped the woman, knocking her to the floor. She said two pistols were lying on a table in the cabin and that when she got up off the floor she grabbed one of them.

We suggest the above incident as a good one for the liquor industry to use in its ads concerning men of distinction.

Not only are these people people of distinction, but they made first page news. A woman is dead, a four-year-old boy is motherless, and a man is in the hospital and upon recovery will have to stand trial for murder.

Truly whiskey does make people of distinction.

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## Rural Church Meet Set For Ridgecrest

The annual Rural Church Conference will be held at Ridgecrest June 1-8, it has been pointed out by Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary Rural Church work Department.

Rural pastors and laymen and associational superintendents of missions are being urged to make their plans to attend.

An outstanding program has been prepared.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

### Can't Go to Church

**Question:** I have a certain illness which causes me such embarrassment until at times I feel like covering my face and hiding. I do my best not to let it worry me because I cannot help it.

I listen to messages by radio and desire to go to church as much as anyone. I have been saved and try to live the Christian life. Will not my life be a successful one?

**Answer:** Success for the Christian is finding God's will for his life, and living in it. You have a unique path to walk, just as each life has. Do not measure your success by God's will for others.

I judge that your trouble is epilepsy or some serious deformity. Why are you ashamed of it, whatever it is?

If you would go to church you have no idea how much encouragement you might be to others who have handicaps also. The trouble with you is that you have labeled yourself as some sort of shameful person. A person is always precious in God's sight and in the sight of true Christians. A person who has epileptic seizures, for example, is not an "epileptic," but a person who happens to have epilepsy. Is that any greater disgrace than having diabetes or heart trouble or undulant fever?

It will do the church good to enter into "the fellowship of suffering." Christian fellowship is one of the divinely ordained means of growth. Without it you cannot be your best for Christ.

Why don't you call a pastor and talk the whole thing over with him? He will probably understand. God does, and loves you as dearly as any of his children.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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The Baptist Record appreciates an invitation to Opening Day services of the Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg. That day, March 6, will celebrate the opening of a new church building. The Opening Day service will begin at 10:30, dinner will be served at 12:00 noon, and Open House will be held 3:00-5:00 in the afternoon. Dr. R. A. Tullos is the pastor.



## "This Is No Place For A Man Like You"

By Millard A. Jenkins

I found him in a saloon, where I had gone to invite the bartenders to the revival meeting services then going on in our church. After speaking with the two young men behind the bar, an old man, shabbily clothed and bearing the marks of a life of dissipation, caught my attention.

"Howdy," I said, and took him by the hand telling him my name and who I was. "I want you to come to our meeting tonight. Lots of us will be glad to shake your hand and give you a warm welcome."

"My name's Summey," Giving me a tug at the sleeve and a nod of the head toward the door, he added: "Come, this is no place for a man like you."

"Where men are lost in sin is always the place for me, no matter where it is," I replied.

Halfway down the block he stopped. Staring me in the face he said, "I'll not come to your meeting tonight; I'm going to hell tonight." And taking from his pocket a quantity of poison, he continued, "And this is what I'm going to do it with."

"What do you want to do that for?" I asked.

### Old and No Friends

"Because," said he, "I'm old and alone and haven't a friend in all the world. My wife was my friend and put up with my drinking, but two years ago she died. I'm an old soldier and I'm going over at midnight to the monument where the marble soldier stands, take this poison and lie down on the grass and die."

"Would you do that if you knew you had a friend, one you could rely on?" I asked. He replied that if he knew he had such a friend, he believed he would not want to die.

"Now," said I, "look me in the eyes and see if you can believe me when I tell you I will be that friend."

He looked me through. Then his lips trembled and tears came in his old eyes.

"Yes, I can believe you."

"Then give me the poison," He handed me enough morphine to kill a mule.

I asked him if he would do what I would request of him, and he said he would. I gave him a note to the Salvation Army instructing them to give him the best bed they had, and the best supper and a good breakfast, and I would pay the bill. I told him to ring my door bell at nine next morning.

On the minute he was there. I instructed him in the way of salvation, and after we had prayed I witnessed his conversion. Down at the morning service he joyfully made his public confession of Christ. I sent him to a sanitarium, for treatment, for his

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There are many roads that lead to Christ. The Christian is

not one who has gone all the way with Christ. None of us have. The Christian is one who has found the right road. Though you may not be at the end of your journey, if you are on the right road, at least your wandering has ceased. Even though you may not be home, if you know the way you are not lost. As I see it, a Christian is one who has become the friend of Christ and is ever seeking to cultivate that friendship.—From WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY by Charles L. Allen (Fleming H. Revell Company).

body was sick from the poison of alcohol.

Three months later at nine o'clock one morning my door bell rang and there stood a neatly-dressed man.

"Come in," I said. "Be seated. What can I do for you?"

"I don't believe you recognize me," he answered.

"No, not quite," I rejoined, "but I know I have seen you before."

"Yes, the first time down in that saloon," said he.

"And this is old Summey!" I exclaimed.

### A New Summey

"No," said he. "This is new Summey. Old Summey died right here in this room three months ago. When you found me in that saloon, I was like the man Jesus found among the tombs. Now, you see me like that man after he had been saved, sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in my right mind."

A few years later the dear old man was run down by an automobile and died in a Christian hospital. After long hours he became conscious, and looking around at the neat room, the pretty flowers, and the beautiful white-uniformed nurse, a smile broke over his face; and then a look of disappointment, and he began to cry.

"What is troubling you, Grandpa?" asked the nurse.

"I thought I was in Heaven and that you were an angel," he said. "Oh, do I have to go back to the old hard world?"

He didn't, for that night the Father called him, and he went home.

Yes, that saloon was the place for a man like me. Wherever men sin, suffer, and die, is the place to be found by all who have been saved and would lead others to the Saviour.

## On Tests Of Fellowship

By BRUCE H. PRICE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one in a series of articles discussing some of the problems of Southern Baptist life. The opinions of Dr. Price are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor.)

Looking up from my book, I saw a middle-aged woman standing in the doorway of my study. A few weeks before she had moved to our community and had been regular in attendance at the worship services.

In a previous conversation she had told me that she was a Baptist, had studied in a non-denominational Bible school, and enjoyed teaching the Bible. She was not ready to transfer her membership, indicating that she wanted to be sure that the church was orthodox. Later I learned that she had her own definition of orthodoxy.

That morning in my study I was told a great deal more about her beliefs and a little of what she thought concerning mine. "Preachers should preach the gospel," she admonished while raising her voice and giving me a look which left no doubt what she said was for my personal edification. Her conception of preaching was the premillennial doctrine, and a sermon in which this was omitted was not preaching at all. She was ready to make the millennial teaching a test of fellowship for Southern Baptists though most of her church life had been outside the denomination.

In his published list of "Ten Vital Issues for Southern Baptists," J. Leo Garrett, professor in Southwestern Baptist Seminary, states the fourth vital issue in these words: "How to keep a strong biblical faith and message without succumbing to the tendency to make the 'pet' interpretations of some of the test of fellowship for all."

The premillennial conferences within the denomination may be an example of an emphasis which could lead some to desire to make the doctrine a test of fellowship. Open and close communion and alien immersion have been the accepted practice for generations in some sections of the Convention, but are grounds which others may like to use as a test of fellowship. A few individuals appear to desire a written creed, while some would choose other issues as tests of co-operation, admitting these not to be tests of salvation.

"A study of the two words of Paul, 'sound doctrine' meaning healthful teaching, will be helpful," writes Clyde V. Hickerson. "This phrase is never of theological matters only, but always involves the moral and ethical ideals of Christianity." Theron Rankin used to say, "We ought to act like a Christian as well as believe like one."

Two ministers were talking about a prominent Baptist who lost a position with one of our

institutions because he gave bad checks and did not pay his debts. One of the pastors said in all seriousness "But he is orthodox." Such attitudes place a low view on Christian conduct. Let us not forget: "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus his son cleanseth us."

"Our Baptist unity," says Elbert N. Johnson, "has its source in the Christ of the New Testament alone. Christianity did not come out of the New Testament, rather, the New Testament came out of Christianity. Our unity does not depend on the oneness of our opinions about Jesus; it depends on the openness of our minds and hearts to Jesus."

L. L. Carpenter had the same thought. "We must maintain our unity through an emphasis on a vital Christian experience and devotion to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and not through insisting on a cut-and-dried intellectual statement of doctrines."

The priesthood of believers is a very dear teaching to Baptists. Freedom of the individual to interpret the Scriptures will make differences inevitable but to coerce uniformity of belief on things not primary would be too big a price to pay for unity. We are not ready to accept the thought that any officer, board, or committee of the Convention is infallible in defining doctrine of faith and morals. Being kings and priest unto God we must hold on to the competency of the individual soul to deal with Christ.

Editor W. Barry Garrett says that we must keep foremost in our thinking missions, including evangelism, as our main task, and the one common tie which binds us all together. This is the activity which Luther Rice promoted to draw Baptists of America into fellowship. The vision of a lost world and witnessing to win it will hold us together.

In spite of the rabid fundamentalist on the one hand and the roaring liberals on the other, Southern Baptists will keep a strong Biblical faith and message continuing to major on missions, Christian education, and benevolences which will keep us united and strong in his service.

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**MONTGOMERY, Ala. —(BP)** — George Bagley, state secretary of the Baptist Training Union Department in Alabama is the new assistant of the executive secretary of the state and manager of Shocco Springs, state Baptist retreat. The position as manager of Shocco Springs had been unfilled since 1911. The position as assistant Hobson Shirey resigned January 1. The position as assistant to the executive secretary had not been filled since it was created by the Baptist state Executive Board three years

## Young Church Is Grandmother Of Twins

In January 1953, the first Baptist Church of Athens, Ohio was organized with 21 members. Within a few months a mission was started under the sponsorship of this church at Waverly, Ohio. At first having services on Sunday afternoon with the pastor going over from Athens and later securing a mission pastor with full-time services. In February 1954, Waverly mission was organized into the First Baptist Church of Waverly.

In June 1954, Waverly Church adopted a mission in Chillicothe, Ohio which they had assisted the missionary in starting and in July 1954, likewise adopted a mission which they had helped start in Piketon, Ohio. January 9, 1955, the mission at Piketon was organized into the Calvary Baptist Church. The mission in Chillicothe was organized into the Chillicothe Baptist Church four days later, on January 13, 1955.

The members at First Baptist Church in Athens and their pastor, John L. Snedden, swell with pride when they "show off" their healthy grandchildren, one with 160 members, the other with 70.



### The Palestine Problem Today:

Israel and Its Neighbors. By Carl Hermann Voss. Boston: The Beacon Press. Maps and pictures, \$1.50 hard-cover copies; \$.75 paper-back copies. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher. According to Governor Theodore McKeldin of Maryland: "Small in compass, it yet embodies more complete and accurate information than one is likely to find anywhere without wider search in the history of the region, the story of Israel in ancient and modern times, the relation of the new State to its Arab neighbors, the interplay of complex religious, economic and geopolitical factors, and the respective roles of Israel, the United States and the United Nations in the great struggle of the Western World for survival and peace. It is an authoritative treatise, succinct and clear, intellectually satisfying and spiritually stimulating."